



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-029, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska to Create a Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force and Establishing the Scope of Work and Parameters under which the Task Force will Operate. City Manager.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
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Summary: The purpose of this Memorandum is to recommend the creation of a Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force and establish the scope of work and parameters under which the Task Force will operate.

Background: The 40th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Homer and Teshio, Japan is in 2024. This anniversary offers a chance for a meaningful celebration promoting cultural exchange and friendship. On February 12, 2024, Homer City Council adopted Ordinance 24-11 appropriating \$20,000 from the General Fund Capital Asset Repair and Maintenance Allowance (CARMA) Fund to support events, exhibits, and programs celebrating this 40th anniversary.

Within Ordinance 24-11 City Council additionally requested that a 40th Anniversary Sister City Task Force be formed. Resolution 24-0xx, before you, establishes the 40th Anniversary Sister City Task Force and establishes the scope of work and parameters under which the Task Force will operate.

In addition to a city staff liaison, who will be assigned by the City Manager, the Task Force will consist of five private citizen members.

The duration of the Task Force will exist until it completes its mission as defined in Resolution 24-029, but it shall not extend beyond December 31, 2025 at the latest.

A dedicated Sister City Working Group, established in August 2023, has worked diligently to plan events, exhibits, and programs for the celebration. The Task Force would continue with carrying out those plans.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution 24-029