

1 **CITY OF HOMER**  
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

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4 **RESOLUTION 17-066**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
7 RECOGNIZING THE FUNCTIONS AND VALUES OF THE WOODARD  
8 CREEK WATERSHED, ACKNOWLEDGING THE WOODARD CREEK  
9 COALITION'S FEBRUARY 2017 WOODARD CREEK WATERSHED  
10 PLAN, REFERENCING APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE PLAN IN  
11 THE CITY OF HOMER'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PROMOTING THE  
12 PLAN ON THE CITY OF HOMER'S WEBSITE, AND MAKING THE PLAN  
13 AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.  
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15 WHEREAS, Woodard Creek, which flows from its headwaters atop the bluff through  
16 Homer's central business district and into the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area at Bishop's  
17 Beach, is Homer's most prominent perennial stream; and  
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19 WHEREAS, The Woodard Creek watershed rests largely in an area considered  
20 urban/residential under the City of Homer building code, and South Peninsula Hospital, Pratt  
21 Museum, Saint John's Baptist Church, many private residences and small businesses, and  
22 Karen Hornaday Park and the Homer Playground are built within the Woodard Creek  
23 watershed; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Development has changed the natural flow of Woodard Creek through  
26 channelization, culverts, and riparian encroachment; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Woodard Creek is subject to flooding and erosion during storm events,  
29 which can damage private property, roads, and other important infrastructure; and  
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31 WHEREAS, In spite of these modifications, Woodard Creek continues to support vibrant  
32 ecological and aesthetic functions and values, including native plants, large and small  
33 mammals, birds, insects, microbes, and nutrients that natural systems need to flourish; and  
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35 WHEREAS, Woodard Creek is a vital community asset that enhances conservation  
36 efforts, promotes recreational outlets, protects against flooding hazards, adds value to the  
37 central business district, and enhances the quality of life for residents and tourists alike; and  
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39 WHEREAS, Interested Homer citizens, the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society, Cook  
40 Inletkeeper, Friends of Woodard Creek and Karen Hornaday Park, the Pratt Museum, Homer  
41 Council on the Arts, Bunnell Street Art Center, Homer Soil and Water Conservation District,  
42 Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Alaska Department of Fish and

43 Game, Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Mobilizing for Action through  
44 Planning and Partnerships, South Peninsula Hospital, Kenai Watershed Forum, and the City of  
45 Homer formed the Woodard Creek Coalition; and

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47 WHEREAS, The Woodard Creek Coalition received a grant from the National Park  
48 Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program to develop a plan for Woodard  
49 Creek; and

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51 WHEREAS, The mission of the Woodard Creek Coalition is to bring together diverse  
52 groups, property owners, and citizens to promote the health and safety of the Woodard Creek  
53 watershed as a community asset; and

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55 WHEREAS, The City of Homer Planning Department participated in the planning and  
56 drafting of the Woodard Creek Watershed Plan; and

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58 WHEREAS, The Woodard Creek Coalition completed the Woodard Creek Watershed  
59 Plan in February 2017 after numerous public meetings and opportunities for public comment;  
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62 WHEREAS, The Woodard Creek Watershed Plan characterizes the watershed, discusses  
63 watershed issues, details goals and objectives to improve public awareness and restore and  
64 protect the natural functions and flow of Woodard Creek, and provides an action plan for  
65 meeting the goals and objectives.

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67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the that the City Council of Homer, Alaska  
68 hereby recognizes the natural functions and values of the Woodard Creek watershed and  
69 acknowledges the Woodard Creek Coalition's February 2017 Woodard Creek Watershed Plan;  
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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer will reference appropriate sections of  
73 the Woodard Creek Watershed Plan in its revisions to the City of Homer Comprehensive Plan;  
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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer will promote the Woodard Creek  
77 Watershed Plan on the Planning Department's page of the City of Homer's Planning website  
78 and will make the plan available in the Planning Department for reference by home and  
79 business owners living in the Woodard Creek watershed.

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81 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

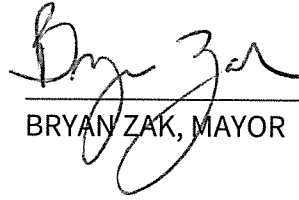
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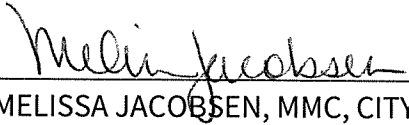
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BRYAN ZAK, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

