

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 18-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A
REGULAR REPORT FROM THE OPIOID TASK FORCE TO THE
HOMER CITY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, In 2012, Alaska's prescription opioid pain reliever overdose death rate was more than double the rate in the United States, and Alaska's heroin-associated overdose death rate was 50 percent higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, These troubling statistics prompted Alaska Governor Walker to issue a disaster declaration on the opioid epidemic February 14 of 2017; and

WHEREAS, Homer is suffering from the state wide opioid epidemic and has experienced an increase in drug related crimes and overdose incidents; and

WHEREAS, In response to the local opioid epidemic a group of concerned community members has formed the Opioid Task Force; and

WHEREAS, The Opioid Task Force meets monthly to discuss strategies and success in regards to the prevention and treatment of opioid abuse; and

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council has taken a strong interest in preventing the spread of the opioid epidemic in Homer and held quarterly worksessions in 2016 on the topic; and

WHEREAS, The treatment and prevention of opioid abuse is a complex topic that cannot be addressed by one organization but rather needs a comprehensive and community wide approach; and

WHEREAS, The Opioid Task Force provides the space and frame work for that community conversation and action plan; and

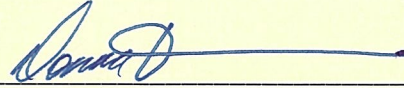
WHEREAS, Regular reports from the Opioid Task Force to City Council provide an opportunity for the Council and the community to stay abreast of their work and for the Task Force to solicit the assistance of Council when appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Opioid Task Force be scheduled as a visitor on a quarterly basis for 2018.

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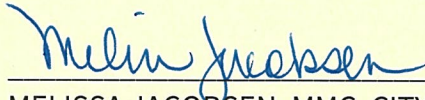
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 8th day of January, 2018.

CITY OF HOMER



DONNA ADERHOLD, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

