1 **CITY OF HOMER** 2 **HOMER, ALASKA** 3 Aderhold 4 **RESOLUTION 18-067** 5 6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA 7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A HOMER WILDERNESS LEADERS 8 (HOWL) APPLICATION TO THE RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM OF THE STATE OF ALASKA DIVISION OF PARKS AND 9 10 OUTDOOR RECREATION TO RE-ESTABLISH TRAIL CORRIDORS, 11 IMPROVE TREAD, REPAIR FACILITIES AND ASSIST ALASKA STATE PARKS WITH NEEDED TRAIL PROJECT WORK 12 13 14 WHEREAS, The Homer Wilderness Leaders (HoWL) mission is to empower young leaders aged 9-16 by providing outdoor, experiential education through fun and dynamic adventures 15 16 in Alaska; and 17 WHEREAS, HoWL has been a growing and valuable part of the greater Homer 18 19 community since 2009, offering opportunities for youth to connect with each other while 20 learning wilderness and leadership skills, environmental stewardship, and teamwork; and 21 22 WHEREAS, HoWL offers outdoor educational programming to youth that is unique in its 23 curriculum and impact on the local community; and 24 WHEREAS, HoWL programming includes participating in trail improvement projects 25 within Kachemak Bay State Park, which assists park staff with maintaining trails and facilities 26 that otherwise would not have been maintained or improved; and 27 28 29 WHEREAS, HoWL intends to take on new Kachemak Bay State Park projects at five locations over the next two years that are designed to re-establish trail corridors, improve 30 tread, repair facilities and assist Alaska State Parks with needed trail project work; and 31 32 33 WHEREAS, Local trail networks that attract visitors to our community and the educational programs offered by HoWL are beneficial to the citizens of Kachemak Bay; and 34 35 36 WHEREAS, Trail and facility improvements will enhance the value of these trail systems, be designed for maximum sustainability, and will allow greater access to and appreciation of 37 the natural environment in Kachemak Bay. 38 39 40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby expresses its strong support for HoWL's grant application to the Recreational Trail Grant Program to re-41

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establish trail corridors, improve tread, repair facilities and assist Alaska State Parks with needed trail project work. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 13th day of August, 2018. CITY OF HOMER DONNA ADERHOLD, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ATTEST: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK Fiscal Note: N/A