1 **CITY OF HOMER** 2 **HOMER, ALASKA** 3 Aderhold/Smith 4 **RESOLUTION 18-068** 5 6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA 7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL BILL S.2271 MUSEUM AND 8 LIBRARY SERVICES ACT OF 2017 AND SUPPORTING BILLS H.R. 9 6470 AND S.3158 THAT ALLOCATE FUNDING CRUCIAL TO 10 ALASKA'S LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS; AND URGING ALASKA'S CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO CO-SPONSOR ALL 11 12 THREE FEDERAL BILLS. 13 14 WHEREAS, S.2271 is a federal bill that reauthorizes the Museum and Library Services Act that expired in 2016 but has continued to fund the Institute of Museum and Library Services 15 (IMLS) program; and 16 17 18 WHEREAS, H.R.6470 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019 and S.3158 Departments of Labor, Health and 19 20 Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act are federal bills that 21 support and correlate with S.2271; and 22 23 WHEREAS, All three bills have been introduced on the Senate and House level, with the 24 next step being a vote on the Senate and House floors; and 25 WHEREAS, The votes must be done by October 1, 2018, otherwise a "temporary funding 26 27 measure" will continue the funding at last year's level. It is likely that the votes will not happen by the deadline and will be delayed until after the November elections with the seating of the 28 29 new congressional members; and 30 31 WHEREAS, The IMLS awarded \$2,009,500 to Libraries and Museums in Alaska during 2017, including \$954,00 in Library Services and Technology Act funds to the Alaska State 32 Library, \$240,000 in Native American Basic Library Services grants to Alaska Native 33 organizations; and \$635,550 for project grants to museums and libraries; and 34 35 WHEREAS, The overall impact of funds provided through the IMLS is crucial for libraries 36 37 in Alaska, including the Homer Public Library as these funds directly benefit the Homer Public Library staff, services, and programs; and 38 39 40 WHEREAS, Libraries by definition are resource-sharing institutions and reductions to the amount available for the State Library to work with and distribute will impact all libraries 41

in Alaska, including Homer Public Library; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski is a co-sponsor of S.2271, and it is imperative that all of our Alaska Congressional Delegation support these three federal bills that so significantly impact our State and local libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska supports federal bill S.2271 Museum And Library Services Act of 2017 and supporting bills H.R.6470 and S.3158 that allocate funding crucial to Alaska's libraries and museums.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska strongly urges Alaska's congressional representatives to co-sponsor all three federal bills.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this  $27^{th}$  day of August, 2018.

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 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

ATTEST:

CITY OF HOMER

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