1 **CITY OF HOMER** 2 HOMER, ALASKA 3 Venuti 4 RESOLUTION 19-013(S) 5 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, 6 7 SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA UNDERSCORING THE KEY ROLE THE KACHEMAK BAY BRANCH OF THE KENAI 8 PENINSULA COLLEGE HAS IN HOMER AND ENCOURAGING 9 10 CURRENT FUNDING OF THE UNIVERSITY AT EXISTING LEVELS. 11 WHEREAS, A well-educated public, from kindergarten through college, contributes to 12 the well-being and economy of Homer, the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the State of Alaska; 13 14 and 15 WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget cut 41% from the University of Alaska 16 17 overall budget; and 18 WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget for the University of Alaska would 19 directly affect the Kachemak Bay Campus, resulting in the termination of critical services and 20 instruction to the students; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, The Kachemak Bay Campus provides opportunity for post-secondary education for more than seven hundred students, with an emphasis on smaller classes and 24 25 individual instruction; and 26 WHEREAS, The location of the Kachemak Bay Campus in downtown Homer, Alaska is a 27 part of a strong and healthy local college option; and 28 29 30 WHEREAS, The Kachemak Bay Campus provides students an opportunity for postsecondary education at a price and location which makes vocational, college, and adult 31 32 educational options a viable choice; and 33 34 WHEREAS, The Kachemak Bay Campus provides for local jobs and promotes economic 35 development within the community of Homer. 36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska supports 37 maintaining current funding of post-secondary education by the State of Alaska and 38 encourages the State Legislature to invest in the youth of Alaska and their future. 39 40 41 BEIT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy, Senator Gary Stevens, and Representative Sarah Vance. 42

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11th day of March, 2019 CITY OF HOMER KEN CASTNER, MAYOR ATTEST: Fiscal note: N/A