1 **CITY OF HOMER** 2 HOMER, ALASKA 3 Lord/Hansen-Cavasos 4 **RESOLUTION 20-045** 5 6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, 7 RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL 8 SENIORS AND COMMITTING CITY SUPPORT TO THEIR 9 GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND CELEBRATIONS DURING THE 10 COVID-19 PANDEMIC. 11 12 WHEREAS, Graduating from high school is a major accomplishment for a student, and is the culmination of many years of dedicated hard work and commitment; and 13 14 15 WHEREAS, Although the City of Homer does not have direct K-12 education responsibilities, the successes of our students, young adults, and families are a critically 16 17 important backbone of the City; and 18 WHEREAS, The global COVID-19 pandemic and our community response means, like 19 schools across the country and the world, our graduating seniors will break from tradition in 20 their graduation ceremonies; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, The City of Homer Community Parks and Recreation Program mission is to promote community involvement and life-long learning through educational and recreational 24 opportunities for people of all ages, accomplished through maximizing usage of all community 25 facilities and resources, while utilizing, expanding and uniting local business and school 26 resources and expertise and to address social and community concerns; and 27 28 29 WHEREAS The City of Homer has resources that may be of use to the School District and the students, including safety cones and personnel, as they plan for and execute new 30 31 graduation ceremonies in 2020. 32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council on behalf of the City of Homer 33 recognizes and celebrates all high school graduates in the City of Homer, including those 34 graduating from Homer High School, Flex, and Connections. 35 36 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City's Community Recreation Program will work in partnership with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District to provide support for 38 graduation ceremonies in 2020, providing use of City owned supplies and resources at the 39 discretion of the Public Works Director, this includes the Homer Port and Harbor Department 40 working with Homer Flex to provide outdoor space for their graduation ceremony. 41

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Homer will display three light post banners celebrating graduating seniors along Pioneer Avenue, paid for with reallocated funds from the Community Recreation advertising budget and/or under the Economic Development Public Education budget at the discretion of the City Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 11th day of May, 2020.

CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

 ATTEST:

 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: Account#: Economic Development Public Education 100-0112-5604 and

Community Recreation Advertising #100-0115-5227