1 CITY OF HOMER 2 HOMER, ALASKA 3 Venuti/Aderhold 4 **RESOLUTION 20-053** 5 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA 6 SUPPORTING THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE HOMER POLICE 7 DEPARTMENT IN THEIR DAILY JOB OF KEEPING THE CITIZENS OF 8 HOMER SAFE AND SECURE WHILE TREATING ALL CITIZENS WITH 9 RESPECT AND DIGNITY 10 11 WHEREAS, Recent national events have focused a spotlight on policing practices that 12 13 have resulted in the use of unnecessary force and the deaths of African Americans; and 14 15 WHEREAS, These national events have sparked demonstrations and protests about institutional and systemic racism and police brutality across the country; and 16 17 WHEREAS, Demonstrations in Homer have been respectful, peaceful, and intended to 18 raise awareness and provide education about institutional and systemic racism; and 19 20 21 WHEREAS, Policing in American communities can be stressful, is a highly technical vocation, and is constantly subject to public scrutiny; and 22 23 WHEREAS, The City of Homer's Police Department takes a "community policing" 24 approach that involves engaging positively with members of the public, presenting frequently 25 to Homer's schools, and employing methods to de-escalate stressful situations; and 26 27 WHEREAS, Members of the City of Homer's Police Department have received training in 28 Green Dot, bias and cultural differences, autistic awareness, and Post Traumatic Stress 29 Disorders; and 30 31 WHEREAS, Members of the City of Homer Police Department receive quarterly training 32 33 regarding force control tactics. 34 35 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska supports the officers and staff of the City of Homer Police Department in their daily job of keeping the 36 37 citizens of Homer safe and secure while treating all citizens with respect and dignity. 38 39 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 8th day of June, 2020. 40 CITY OF HOMER 41 42 43 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR 44

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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