

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 Mayor

4 **RESOLUTION 20-100(A)**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 ESTABLISHING A FISHERMEN ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANT
8 (FERG) PROGRAM ~~AND APPROVING UP TO \$1.3 MILLION FROM~~
9 ~~THE COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND~~ TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC RELIEF
10 TO CITY OF HOMER-BASED VESSEL OWNERS ENGAGED IN
11 COMMERCIAL FISHING WHO ARE IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19
12 PANDEMIC.

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14 WHEREAS, The City of Homer received \$7,899,085.29 in federal funding under the
15 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) from the State of Alaska that
16 allows municipalities to provide small business grants to businesses that suffer economic
17 impacts costs with the Covid-19 pandemic; and

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19 WHEREAS, The City of Homer-based commercial fishing fleet is an important sector of
20 Homer's diverse economy providing jobs and supporting local marine trades and chandleries,
21 job provision and fish deliveries; and

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23 WHEREAS, The Commercial fishing industry has suffered economic loss due to the
24 softening of markets, including restaurants, public and private gatherings and the general loss
25 of normal distribution outlets; and

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27 WHEREAS, Commercial fishermen have suffered economic loss due to reductions or
28 elimination of stock assessments and surveys which have led to more conservative
29 management with reduced quotas or fishing time; and

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31 WHEREAS, Commercial fishermen have suffered economic loss due to the added
32 expenses of meeting quarantine, social distancing, and other restrictions that have been
33 placed on the commercial fleets during the COVID 19 pandemic; and

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35 WHEREAS, the continued disruption of economic re-openings around the world may
36 prolong the softening of markets, creating a serious, and in many cases critical, danger to their
37 economic viability; and

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39 WHEREAS, The Homer City Council believes the Covid-19 pandemic and actions taken
40 as a result to protect public health as described above have created immediate necessity for
41 economic relief to the City of Homer-based commercial fishing fleet; and


42 WHEREAS, the Administration has developed and presented the City Council with a
43 spending plan, which designates CARES Act funds into several different expense categories,
44 including funds intended to provide direct support to Homer businesses who have been
45 financially impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

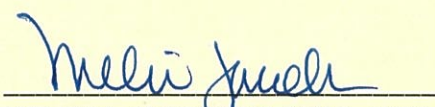
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47 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Homer establishes a Fishermen
48 Economic Recovery Grant program (FERG) to provide economic relief to vessel owners
49 operating out of the Homer Harbor and engaged in commercial fishing within the waters of the
50 State of Alaska who have experienced economic loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

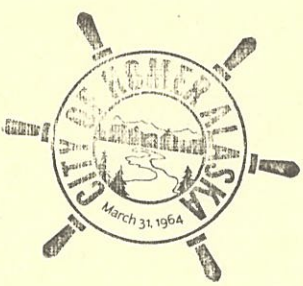
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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parameters and program policies of the FERG
53 Program are adopted under Resolution 20-100.

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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this program will be issued with a given application
56 period to assess whether additional funds for the programs are needed or to assess if unspent
57 funds allocated to FERG need to be reappropriated to meet other needs.

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59 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 26th day of October, 2020.

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61 CITY OF HOMER
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65 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
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67 ATTEST:
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71 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK
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73 Fiscal note: N/A