

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

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4 **RESOLUTION 20-130**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
7 SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING ALL FORMS OF OUTDOOR
8 RECREATION ESPECIALLY DURING THE 2020-2021 WINTER WITH
9 THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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11 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation programs and areas are an integral part of
12 communities throughout the country, including the City of Homer; and

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14 WHEREAS, Parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining
15 the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to
16 the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

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18 WHEREAS, City Parks and recreation programs and areas build healthy, active
19 communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation
20 services for people with mental or physical disabilities, and improve the mental and emotional
21 health of all citizens; and

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23 WHEREAS, As the result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, many traditional indoor
24 recreational and leisure programs and opportunities have been suspended or cancelled; and

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26 WHEREAS, City staff observed an increase in outdoor summer recreation and is
27 anticipating significant levels of outdoor winter recreation during the COVID-19 Pandemic and

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29 WHEREAS, Given the COVID-19 pandemic, opportunities for COVID conscious outdoor
30 winter recreation is important for the health and wellbeing of Citizens of Homer; and

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32 WHEREAS, The City of Homer Parks and Community Recreation divisions strive to meet
33 the projected increased recreational needs and will pursue additional opportunities and
34 programs as staff and resources allow; and

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36 WHEREAS, The community in and around the City of Homer is extremely dedicated to
37 facilitating outdoor recreation with organizations and individuals providing opportunities for
38 cross country skiing, downhill skiing/snowboarding, ice skating, ice racing, snow machining,
39 bike riding, running/walking, sledding, snowshoeing, skijoring, and other snow sports; and

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41 WHEREAS, Numerous businesses in the City support outdoor winter recreation and the
42 associated tourism when people come to recreate in Homer during the winter months.

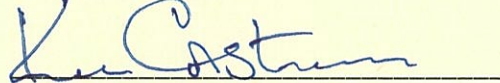
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Homer supports and promotes maintaining our existing parks, trails, and "COVID-19 Safe" related outdoor recreational opportunities while encouraging city staff to pursue additional safe and healthy outdoor opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Homer celebrates and appreciates all of the efforts of volunteers, nonprofits, and businesses around Homer supporting a vibrant outdoor recreation community.

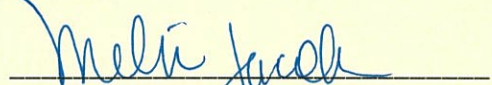
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 14th day of December, 2020.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

