

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

3 City Manager

4 **RESOLUTION 21-010**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
7 APPROVING AN UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
8 WITH UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE AND KACHEMAK BAY  
9 NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE AND AUTHORIZING  
10 THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE  
11 APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

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13 WHEREAS, The Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game has, in the past, been designated by the  
14 State of Alaska as the agency responsible for managing the Reserve; and

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16 WHEREAS, Resolutions 96-43 and 96-106 were adopted in support of the establishment of a  
17 National Estuarine Research Reserve in Kachemak Bay; and

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19 WHEREAS, Resolution 98-14 was adopted in strong support of that newly established  
20 Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) ; and

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22 WHEREAS, The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) is now designated by the State of  
23 Alaska and in the KBNERR Management Plan, as the agency responsible for managing the  
24 Reserve; and

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26 WHEREAS, KBNERR's stated goals are research, monitoring, education, and training,  
27 providing a natural field laboratory and a living classroom for improving the scientific  
28 understanding and management of national resources in and around Kachemak Bay; and

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30 WHEREAS, Their management plan encourages the free exchange of management,  
31 research, and assessment data among agencies; and

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33 WHEREAS, KBNERR has historically provided beneficial research services to the City on  
34 multiple City projects such as including baseline data on coastal bluff erosion used in project  
35 considerations like Seawall improvements and erosion mitigation, groundwater models for  
36 Bridge Creek reservoir, work on the City's climate action plan, and providing trainings on green  
37 infrastructure, among others; and

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39 WHEREAS; The addition of UAA as KBNERR's managing partner will serve as a magnet  
40 for emerging research and technological approaches to help understand and manage any  
41 regional ecological shifts to coastal and marine ecosystems in ways that promote their  
42 resilience and sustainability; and

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44 WHEREAS, KBNERR has stated that any activities or research conducted within City  
45 lands will be conducted in a manner which is consistent with the management plans for the  
46 City and those of KBNERR, and that the City shall be fully and regularly consulted by UAA  
47 regarding research and education needs, opportunities, and information pertaining to  
48 KBNERR; and

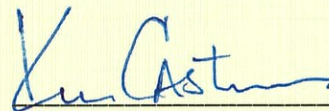
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50 WHEREAS, The City of Homer is listed under the KBNERR management plan as a  
51 cooperative partner within administrative and educational fields with no financial obligation  
52 now or in the future.

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54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby approves the  
55 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Homer, University of Alaska Anchorage,  
56 and Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in support of their goals of research,  
57 monitoring, education, and training in and around Kachemak Bay to encourage the study and  
58 free exchange of management, research, and assessment data among agencies; and  
59 authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute the appropriate documents.

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61 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

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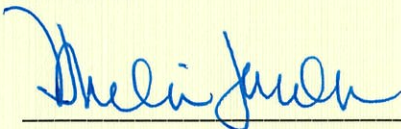
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KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

75 Fiscal note: N/A

