

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

3 Smith/Lord

4 **RESOLUTION 21-013**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
7 PROMOTING CIVILITY  
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9 WHEREAS, Listening to each other and listening across differences for understanding is  
10 important in building respect and sustaining our sense of community; and  
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12 WHEREAS, The practice of civility and civil discourse is the free and respectful exchange  
13 of different ideas in a way that respects and affirm all persons, while hearing their perspectives;  
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16 WHEREAS, Heated rhetoric and a dramatic shift away from collaboration leaves us  
17 unable to solve the challenges that confront our community; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Exercising civility assists in the process of working together and helps us to  
20 create lasting solutions to our most pressing challenges, while fostering respect among  
21 opposing groups; and  
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23 WHEREAS, By sharing our personal hopes, dreams, fears, and opinions we tell the story  
24 of what unites us as Americans over what divides us, helping us to better understand the  
25 diversity of opinion and perspectives, which can connect us to shared values that promote the  
26 common good; and  
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28 WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of listening to each other, exercising civility in  
29 our discourse, building trust, and connecting around what unites us are key elements of any  
30 successful community.  
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32 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Homer shall promote civility by  
33 listening respectfully to people who have different views, avoiding language or actions that are  
34 insulting or derogatory to others, and supporting efforts to work together across ideological  
35 and political lines.  
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37 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.  
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39 CITY OF HOMER  
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42 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

43 ATTEST:

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46 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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48 Fiscal note: N/A