

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 21-013

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
PROMOTING CIVILITY**

WHEREAS, Listening to each other and listening across differences for understanding is important in building respect and sustaining our sense of community; and

WHEREAS, The practice of civility and civil discourse is the free and respectful exchange of different ideas in a way that respects and affirm all persons, while hearing their perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Heated rhetoric and a dramatic shift away from collaboration leaves us unable to solve the challenges that confront our community; and

WHEREAS, Exercising civility assists in the process of working together and helps us to create lasting solutions to our most pressing challenges, while fostering respect among opposing groups; and

WHEREAS, By sharing our personal hopes, dreams, fears, and opinions we tell the story of what unites us as Americans over what divides us, helping us to better understand the diversity of opinion and perspectives, which can connect us to shared values that promote the common good; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of listening to each other, exercising civility in our discourse, building trust, and connecting around what unites us are key elements of any successful community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Homer shall promote civility by listening respectfully to people who have different views, avoiding language or actions that are insulting or derogatory to others, and supporting efforts to work together across ideological and political lines.

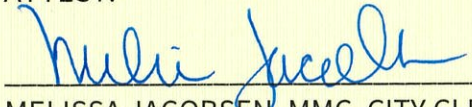
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 25th day of January, 2021.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A

