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RESOLUTION 21-018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF HOMER, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE FRIENDS OF THE HOMER LIBRARY APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ALASKA RIVERS, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PLAN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIBRARY PROPERTIES, TRACTS A AND B, GLACIER VIEW SUBDIVISION NO. 26.

WHEREAS, The National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) supports community-led natural resource conservation and recreation projects around the nation; and

WHEREAS, Successful local projects facilitated by the NPS RTCA include the Woodard Creek Watershed Plan, Kachemak Bay Water Trail, and Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Poopdeck Property Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Homer Library has a been at its current site for 16 years and would like to better utilize its grounds to expand low-key no-cost recreational opportunities to all users, provide a location for library sponsored events, provide wetland education in an urban setting, and increase cultural appreciation by incorporating land acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, The library grounds consist of the parcel with the library building (Glacier View Subdivision No. 26 Tract A) and an adjacent property to the west with a trail and greenspace (Tract B); and

WHEREAS, The western parcel (Tract B) is underutilized and has great potential to be developed for library activities and public enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of Homer Library, in partnership with the library, the City of Homer and community partners including Center for Alaska Coastal Studies, Pratt Museum, Ninilchik and Port Graham Village Tribes, wish to apply for an RTCA Technical Assistance grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby supports the Friends of the Homer Library application to the NPS RTCA program for the purposes of planning improvements to the library properties Tracts A and B, Glacier View Subdivision No. 26.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 22nd day of February, 2021. CITY OF HOMER KEN CASTNER, MAYOR ATTEST: MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK Fiscal note: N/A