

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 22-010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
APPRECIATING AND COMMENDING THE DELEGATES OF THE 2021
CONFERENCE OF YOUNG ALASKANS AND RECOGNIZING
RESOLUTIONS THEY PASSED

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is an active member of the Alaska Municipal League (AML);
and

WHEREAS, AML hosted the Conference of Young Alaskans (COYA) in summer 2021, the
fourth such conference over the last 20 years and the first focused on municipal government;
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WHEREAS, COYA was attended by nearly 40 young Alaskans, ages 16-25, representing
more than a dozen communities, including the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, COYA delegates represent Alaska's best and brightest, individuals who
demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to Alaska's future; and

WHEREAS, The mission of COYA is to connect young Alaskans to the rich history, a
vibrant present, and a thriving future; and framed by historic and current lessons, young
Alaskan leaders apply their knowledge and creativity to visions, goals, and proposed actions
for the state and its people; and

WHEREAS, COYA delegates deliberated on themes impacting Alaska's local
governments, developed respect for Alaska's past and present leaders, discovered insights
into the challenges facing the diverse regions of the Alaska, and found inspiration for making
a difference in our State's future; and

WHEREAS, COYA delegates developed and voted on a series of resolutions based on
small group visioning and goal setting related to stability of communities; public safety;
diversity, social justice, and equity; education; economic development; infrastructure and
public utilities; climate resilience; and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Following the conference, delegates presented the resolutions to the Alaska
Conference of Mayors; and

WHEREAS, Vision statements developed by COYA delegates included the following:

- 44 • Environmental and public health, creativity, and intergenerational resilience
45 are perpetually fostered within communities and supported by local and tribal
46 governments
- 47 • Public safety departments and services work together to promote an
48 environment representative of the diverse communities and cultures across
49 Alaska, ensure the safety and livelihood of all people, and adapt to and meet the
50 needs of local communities
- 51 • Alaskans thrive in accessible, safe communities where we see ourselves in
52 representative local governments and in education curricula that are rooted in
53 Indigenous values and histories and reflect Alaskans of all races, genders, and
54 abilities
- 55 • Education curricula include accurate Alaska Native histories that are culturally-
56 competent and trauma-informed from pre-kindergarten through university;
57 and
- 58 • Municipal governments shall have successfully invested in and supported the
59 diversification of their economies
- 60 • Infrastructure and public utilities will serve the basic needs of all Alaska
61 communities and transition to an equitable, climate-adaptive, energy-efficient
62 framework with a long-term plan for maintenance, consumer representation,
63 sustainable funding, connectivity, and innovation
- 64 • Local and Tribal governments collaborate in just transition to create and build
65 long lasting climate resiliency
- 66 • Communities across Alaska shall know what it takes and have access to the
67 resources to be healthy, safe, and fulfilled; and
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69 WHEREAS, During its Annual Business Meeting on November 17, 2021, AML members
70 unanimously passed Resolution 2022-02 commending COYA and encouraging member
71 municipalities to consider the resolutions, adapting and adopting as possible and relevant to
72 the work of municipal governments in Alaska.

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74 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Homer appreciates
75 and commends the work of 2021 COYA delegates.

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77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Homer recognizes the
78 following resolutions passed by COYA delegates at their 2021 conference:

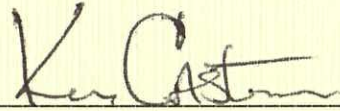
- 79 • Sustainability of Communities
- 80 ○ Calling for strengthened local food economies and encouraging local
81 food production and sustainable harvesting
- 82 ○ Encouraging access to community programs that support public health
83 and intergenerational resilience
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- 85 ○ Recommending that local governments should improve public
- 86 participation and cooperation with tribal governments and provide
- 87 leadership in solution to address social and environmental crises
- 88 ● Public Safety
- 89 ○ Encouraging a standardized preliminary training and education for all
- 90 law enforcement and service providers
- 91 ○ Improving access, outreach, and funding of public safety across all
- 92 departments and services
- 93 ○ Increasing accountability of all law enforcement entities
- 94 ● Diversity, Social Justice, and Equity
- 95 ○ Expanding local government non-discrimination laws
- 96 ○ Implementation of culturally relevant and representative education
- 97 curricula by local school boards
- 98 ○ Implementation of citizen review boards
- 99 ● Education
- 100 ○ Ensuring a quality, culturally competent, and trauma-informed Alaska
- 101 Native history education for all students
- 102 ○ Inspiring homegrown teachers to teach a quality, culturally competent,
- 103 and trauma-informed Alaska Native history education for all students
- 104 ○ Teaching Alaska Native histories, cultures, and languages at all levels of
- 105 school that feature accurate recollections by Alaska Native peoples
- 106 ● Economic Development
- 107 ○ Diversification of job markets and implementing policies that increase
- 108 labor force participation
- 109 ○ Encouraging sustainable economic development and climate-conscious
- 110 investments
- 111 ○ Encouraging investments in community spaces and critical
- 112 infrastructure that increase community well-being
- 113 ● Infrastructure and Public Utilities
- 114 ○ Calling for the provision of basic utilities such as water, sewer, means of
- 115 transportation, and broadband to every community within Alaska
- 116 ○ Supporting Alaska's local governments to establish a framework for
- 117 community-driven sustainable infrastructure
- 118 ○ To support statewide collaboration on climate adaptive infrastructure
- 119 and public utilities
- 120 ● Climate Resilience
- 121 ○ To create a Department of Climate Affairs in municipal bodies
- 122 ○ To expand holistic climate education in K-12 schools across Alaska
- 123 ○ To ensure diversified energy sources across Alaska
- 124 ● Quality of Life
- 125 ○ Encouraging local governments to develop metrics for quality of life in
- 126 their communities
- 127 ○ Facilitating access to safe housing and health care

- 128 o Advocating for subsistence and land-based lifestyles for both rural and
- 129 urban communities.

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131 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10th day of January, 2022.

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133 CITY OF HOMER

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136 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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142 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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144 Fiscal Note: None

