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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/
Port Director

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RESOLUTION 22-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATION TO SUPPLY A LOCAL MATCH OF \$750,000 FOR THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS GENERAL INVESTIGATION STUDY FOR THE HOMER PORT EXPANSION IN THE FY 2023 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, This resolution is to urge the State of Alaska Department of Transportation (AKDOT) to join in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the City for a new start General Investigation study for Homer's Port Expansion project; and

WHEREAS, The General Investigation study will cover planning aspects needed to build a large vessel port at the Homer Spit including, but not limited to: breakwater basin design, economic, environmental and geo-physical factors, construction methods and costs; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 15 years this port has seen a 42 percent increase in large vessel traffic with a current 414-vessel moorage waiting list, causing overcrowding and significant lost revenue for the State as large vessels have to travel down to the lower 48 for space to overwinter and conduct maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, The Port of Homer serves as a port of refuge and home port for large vessels transiting the Gulf of Alaska, Cook Inlet and Kennedy Entrance and has the potential to accommodate layover, repairs and provisioning needs of large vessels including U.S. Coast Guard ships deployed under the Arctic Security mission with this Port expansion; and

WHEREAS, The Homer Spit/Homer Port has the second highest amount of commercial fishing vessels in the state, over 50 maritime charter companies, a diverse commercial fleet, and supports infrastructure that is critical to the safety and livelihood of numerous communities and industries throughout South Central and Western Alaska, including the transportation connections of the Sterling Hwy and State ferry Terminal, both AKDOT assists; and

WHEREAS, The cost of an Army Corps of Engineers General Investigation is capped at \$3 million, and by policy must be completed within three years and is the initial step to justification of federal dollars for the construction portion of the Homer port expansion project; and

44 WHEREAS, The recently enacted Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”)
45 provides supplemental appropriations to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) and
46 directed the USACE to develop a work plan within 60 days of enactment; and

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48 WHEREAS, The City of Homer has requested the USACE for inclusion of the \$1.5 million
49 (50% cost share) in the USACE’s IIJA work plan for a new start General Investigation study to
50 analyze the expansion of the City’s existing port and harbor; and

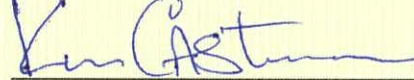
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52 WHEREAS, The City has committed \$750,000 in local cost share (25% of the total cost)
53 and has requested \$750,000 from the State of Alaska (25% of the total cost) to complete the
54 General Investigation study; and

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56 WHEREAS, The City’s port and harbor expansion would meet the marine industry’s
57 growing market demands, address navigational hazards and capture new economic
58 opportunities with a positive impact on the lives and livelihoods of thousands of Alaskans
59 through job creation, economic development, and strengthened national security well into the
60 future.

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62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, urges the
63 State of Alaska Department of Transportation to support the Federal USACE and City by
64 allocating \$750,000 from the FY2023 capital budget for the purpose of investing in a new start
65 USACE General Investigation study for the expansion of the existing port and harbor.

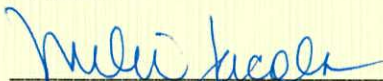
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67 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 14th day of February, 2022.

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72 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

73 ATTEST:

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76 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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78 Fiscal Note: N/A

