

43 WHEREAS, PWSRCAC has asked the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
44 to take steps to ensure the secondary containment systems around crude oil storage tanks at
45 the Valdez Marine Terminal will prevent water contamination following investigations that
46 demonstrated there were cracks and holes in the liner, and PWSRCAC is contracting with a
47 geotechnical engineering expert to identify non-destructive methods to evaluate secondary
48 containment liners; and

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50 WHEREAS, PWSRCAC continues long-term environmental monitoring, initiated in 1993,
51 to monitor hydrocarbons and their effects in the region and sensitive species that could be
52 impacted by an oil spill or oil spill response efforts; and

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54 WHEREAS, PWSRCAC monitors hydrocarbon spill drills, exercises, and training events
55 as well as responses to actual incidents; and

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57 WHEREAS, PWSRCAC reviews and comments on changes to oil spill prevention and
58 response plans that cover the Valdez Marine Terminal and tankers that transit Prince William
59 Sound; and

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61 WHEREAS, PWSRCAC sponsored a study of devices used to deploy a messenger line, the
62 first step in setting up a tow line between a rescue tug and tanker in distress, and conducted
63 field trials to test various devices to develop a set of recommendations that will be shared with
64 industry and regulators; and

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66 WHEREAS, PWSRCAC commissioned the Alaska Vocational Technical Center Marine
67 Training Center to develop a ship handling course specific to Alaska with scenarios based on
68 real activities and using high-resolution data; and

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70 WHEREAS, PWSRCAC commissioned a report documenting the current state and
71 history of developing sensitive area protection strategies for the Copper River Delta and Flats
72 region; and

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74 WHEREAS, PWSRCAC has proven to be critically important in the continued
75 environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and its associated tankers and
76 is becoming ever more important as facilities and equipment age.

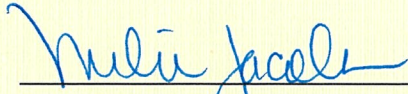
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78 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, supports
79 the recertification of PWSRCAC by the USCG as the Regional Citizens' Advisory Council for
80 Prince William Sound and entities affected by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill.

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82 PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this 9th day of
83 January, 2023.

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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