

1 **CITY OF HOMER**  
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

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4 **RESOLUTION 23-045**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA  
7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE  
8 MARINER THEATER AND THE KATE KUHNS AQUATIC CENTER AND  
9 INDICATING COUNCIL INTEREST IN INITIATING DISCUSSIONS  
10 WITH THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH AND KENAI PENINSULA  
11 BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING POTENTIAL  
12 OPERATIONAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

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14 WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) owns and maintains all school facilities  
15 around the Borough; and

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17 WHEREAS, In Homer, these facilities include the Mariner Theater and the Kate Kuhns  
18 Aquatic Center located at Homer High School; and

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20 WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough School Board (KPBSD) is responsible for the  
21 theater and pool operational costs which include keeping the doors open to both students and  
22 the wider Homer community; and

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24 WHEREAS, The wider Homer community cares deeply about both of these facilities and  
25 utilizes them heavily within the current KPBSD operations; and

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27 WHEREAS, The operational costs for both of these facilities are funded by the Base  
28 Student Allocation (BSA) and KPB school funding; and

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30 WHEREAS, The lack of educational funding from the State of Alaska has resulted in the  
31 KPBSD School Board placing the operations of the theater and the pool on cut lists this year  
32 and in past years when facing multi-million dollar budget deficits; and

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34 WHEREAS, There may be an opportunity for the City of Homer to partner with the Kenai  
35 Peninsula Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District to ensure these facilities  
36 are managed for the maximum benefit of the entire community; and

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38 WHEREAS, There are many things for all parties to consider and evaluate as part of  
39 envisioning possible changes to the operations of these facilities that could more sustainably  
40 and robustly support school and community use year-round.

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42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports the continued  
43 operations of the Mariner Theater and the Kate Kuhns Aquatic Center and directs the City  
44 Manager to engage with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School  
45 District in conversations about potential partnership opportunities and to return to the City  
46 Council with an update and/or recommendation by August 2023 at the latest.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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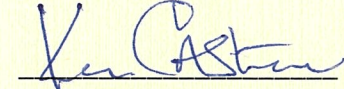
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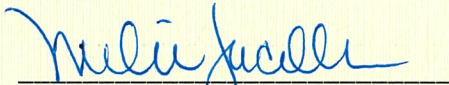
KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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Fiscal Note: N/A

