## CITY OF HOMER 1 2 HOMER, ALASKA 3 4 **RESOLUTION 24-018** 5 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA 6 7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE REALIZING EQUITABLE, ACCESSIBLE CONNECTIVITY IN HOMER (REACH) PROJECT AND 8 9 ENDORSING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE FY24 REBUILDING 10 AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) FOR REACH PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDS. 11 12 WHEREAS, The City of Homer strives to provide and improve city-operated facilities and 13 services to meet the needs of the community; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS, Homer's non-motorized transportation facilities are disconnected, or missing sections all together, which is an accessibility barrier and creates safety hazards for 17 both motorists and pedestrians where pedestrian use of roadways is necessary; and 18 19 WHEREAS, Comprehensively connecting Homer's non-motorized transportation 20 network is one of City Council's high priority projects, a priority shared by the community as 21 evidenced by consistent public comment at City Council meetings, at many community non-22 23 motorized transportation planning events, and by the large number of support letters offered 24 by the community for the REACH project; and 25 26 WHEREAS, The REACH project plans and designs a comprehensive, connected network of accessible sidewalks, trails and bikeways to significantly improve equitable access for all 27 citizens and enable residents and visitors to make safe, non-motorized trips within the City of 28 29 Homer; and 30 31 WHEREAS, REACH's scope addresses many non-motorized transportation facilities that 32 have long been included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and is included in Alaska's 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan as a community driven project; and 33 34 35 WHEREAS, Federal RAISE funding is an essential catalyst to bring the REACH project to construction ready status. 36 37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby 38 expresses its support for the REACH project and strongly endorses the City's application to the 39 FY24 RAISE program for planning and design funding assistance. 40 41

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 12th day of February, 2024.

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