

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/
Library Director

RESOLUTION 24-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN
FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSISTANCE (PLA) GRANTS
AND THE STATEWIDE LIBRARY ELECTRONIC DOORWAY (SLED) AT
FY 2024 LEVELS.

WHEREAS, For decades the Public Libraries Assistance (PLA) grants have supported libraries across Alaska with \$6,000 to \$7,000 in annual funding, and the Homer Public Library has received many such grants; and

WHEREAS, The Statewide Library Electronic Doorway (SLED) has provided Alaskans with access to online resources that would otherwise be unaffordable for their local libraries, including 60 of the 68 subscription databases currently offered to patrons of the Homer Public Library; and

WHEREAS, The budget for the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums reduced all PLA grants to \$1,829 before reversing those cuts, while SLED funding has been reduced from \$500,000 to \$369,514; and

WHEREAS, Cuts to the PLA grants would force the Homer Public Library to reduce its purchases of new materials, particularly picture books, foreign languages and medical texts; and

WHEREAS, The Seldovia Library would have to decrease materials purchases and service hours; and

WHEREAS, The Ninilchik Community Library would be forced to close over winter; and

WHEREAS, The reduced PLA grant would only support Anchor Point Public Library's operations for one month; and

WHEREAS, Loss of SLED funding means all public libraries in the state will have to eliminate significant online resources.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby
42 urges the State of Alaska Legislature to maintain funding for the Public Libraries Assistance
43 grants and the Statewide Library Electronic Doorway at FY 2024 levels.
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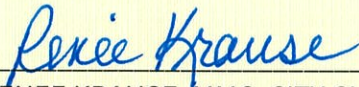
45 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 23rd day of September, 2024.
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51 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR
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53 ATTEST:

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56 RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK
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58 Fiscal note: N/A

