

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

Lord/Venuti

RESOLUTION 24-106(A)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
DISBANDING THE SISTER CITY 40TH ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-029 established the Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force and established the scope of work and parameters under which it would operate for the honoring of the 40th anniversary of the relationship between Teshio, Hokkaido, Japan and the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force successfully kept within the constraints of the limited funding, approved spending within the parameters of the City's procurement policy, and coordinated community engagement; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force engaged and organized events for the 40th anniversary celebrations including the Teshio Sister City display at the Pratt Museum, and the Taiko Drum Building workshop and drumming event; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force planned recognition of the Sister City relationship with Teshio with banners along Pioneer Avenue displaying images of Homer on one side and Teshio on the other that can be displayed annually; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force has accomplished what was assigned to them in Resolution 24-029; and


WHEREAS, The City is collaborating with the Homer Foundation to create an account and act as a fiscal agent for Sister City funds that can be made available for Sister City activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sister City 40th Annual Celebration Task Force is hereby disbanded **and City Council appreciates the work in planning the celebration activities and recognition of our continued relationship with Teshio.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City invites community members to unite, share their ideas, form groups or join others to collectively coordinate sister city activities moving forward under the direction of community members.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council 23rd day of September, 2024.

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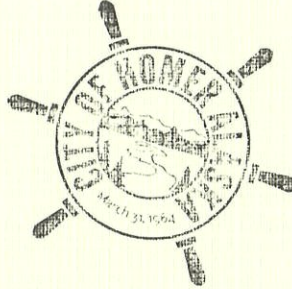


KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A





MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-106, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Disbanding the Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force. Lord/Venuti

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and City Council
Date: September 23, 2024
From: Lori Pond, Assistant to the City Manager / Sister City Coordinator
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

Summary: On April 7, 2024, Homer, Alaska, and Teshio, Hokkaido, Japan celebrated the 40th anniversary of their official sister city partnership.

The Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force was established on March 11, 2024, via Resolution 24-029. It was designated to meet until it completed its mission and was not to extend beyond December 31, 2025, at the latest.

The Task Force successfully accomplished the missions set forth in Resolution 24-029 for 40th anniversary celebrations.

The Task Force met four out of six scheduled times, as two meetings were cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

As the Task Force has completed its missions and to reduce the impact on members' time, staff time, and the budget, it was suggested that the Task Force be disbanded. The City aims to empower community members to unite in this mission, share their ideas, form groups, or join with others to collectively coordinate sister city activities moving forward. Under the direction of community members, the hope is that sister city activities will grow into a program that benefits both communities, in Homer and Teshio.

The City will continue to play an active role in maintaining the municipal aspect of the sister city relationship by facilitating visits for City officials and/or staff, maintaining the city art collection - including gifts from Teshio - continuing mayoral communications, and maintaining the Sister Cities International membership.

The City is collaborating with the Homer Foundation to create an account and act as a fiscal agent for Sister City funds that can be made available for Sister City activities.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the community members who have devoted their time, effort, and talents to making this year's Sister City 40th Anniversary celebrations memorable.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 24-106 to disband the Sister City 40th Anniversary Task Force.

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