1 **CITY OF HOMER** 2 HOMER, ALASKA 3 Mayor **RESOLUTION 25-025** 4 5 6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, 7 ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT 8 AWARENESS MONTH, HONORING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL 9 ASSAULT, RECOGNIZING ADVOCATES, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WORKING TO PREVENT SEXUAL ASSUALT 10 11 IN HOMER AND ACROSS THE KENAI PENINSULA. 12 13 WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month brings to light that fact that sexual assault is a pervasive challenge, which undermines the quality of life of every individual of any age and 14 15 gender in our community; and 16 WHEREAS, One out of every four girls, and one out of every six boys will experience a 17 sexual assault before the age of eighteen, and one out of two women and one in five men 18 19 experience sexual violence, and one out of every five women are raped in their lifetimes; and 20 21 WHEREAS, Sexual assault prevention is effective when leaders from across community 22 sectors work together to cultivate community solutions, including collaboration with our local 23 victim service agency, South Peninsula Haven House; and 24 25 WHEREAS, Community solutions include raising awareness to the prevalence and impacts of sexual assault, supporting survivors, and providing education for adults and youth 26 27 about consent and respectful and healthy relationships; and 28 29 WHEREAS, The staff at South Peninsula Haven House work year-round to address 30 sexual assault by providing 24-hour on-call services, offering advocacy and support to those 31 impacted by sexual assault, and continue to develop and improve the quality of services for 32 those in our communities, most profoundly impacted by sexual violence; and 33 WHEREAS, The Homer Police Department works closely with South Peninsula Haven 34 35 House and other community organizations to promote safety, justice, and prevention of sexual assault; and 36 37 38 WHEREAS, Every man, woman, and child has the right to live in our community free

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from the threat of sexual assault.

41 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council of Homer, Alaska 42 43 hereby acknowledge April as: 44 45 Sexual Assault Awareness Month 46 47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council of Homer, Alaska encourage residents of Homer and the Southern Kenai Peninsula to join us in this important observance 48 and share appreciation for all the organizations and community members within our region 49 who promote and continue the positive and hard work to ultimately promote healing and hope 50 for sexual assault survivors. 51 52 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 24th day of March, 2025. 53 54 CITY OF HOMER 55 56 57 58 RACHEL LORD, MAYOR 59 60 61 ATTEST: 62 63 RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK 64 65 Allinas (66 Fiscal Note: NA