

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

3 Mayor/City Council

4 **RESOLUTION 13-100**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE IN HIS FY2015
8 CAPTIAL BUDGET A DEPOSIT OF \$100 MILLION INTO THE VESSEL
9 REPLACEMENT FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A
10 NEW OCEAN-GOING VESSEL TO REPLACE THE M/V TUSTUMENA.
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12 WHEREAS, The M/V Tustumena was built in 1963, is approaching its 50th year of
13 service, and has had a hard life servicing the Homer, Kodiak, and Aleutian communities for
14 the past several decades; and
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16 WHEREAS, The M/V Tustumena provides year-round service to Homer, Seldovia, and
17 the Kodiak area, and travels to the Aleutian Chain ten times each year, providing a critical
18 transportation and and tourism like that affectes the economies of each community served
19 by this vessel ; and
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21 WHEREAS, The rough and exposed waters of the Aleutians can accelerate the
22 deterioration of any vessel servicing the region; and
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24 WHEREAS, Recent vessel ageing problems and repair delays are well documented and
25 have created significant, recurring service disruptions and outages in the region ; and
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27 WHEREAS, The M/V Tustumena is at the top of th equeue in the AMHS Vessel
28 Replacement Fund, and the legislature appropriated \$10 million from this fund in 2013 for
29 the design of a new ocean-going vessel to replace the M/V Tustumena; and
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31 WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has begun
32 the design process and estimates that it will take 18 months to complete; and
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34 WHEREAS, The department estimates construction of the new vessel could cost as
35 much at \$210 million; and
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37 WHEREAS, Since it will take another two to three years to construct a new vessel and
38 ready it for service, it is imperative to develop and implement a strategy to ensure
39 construction funding is in place by 2015 to allow an immediate start of vessel construction.
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41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby requests that
42 Governor Parnell include in his FY2015 captial budget a deposit of \$100 million into the Vessel

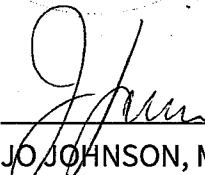
43 Replacement Fund for the purpose of constructing a new ocean-going vessel to replace the
44 M/V Tustumena; and

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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Homer City Council requests Governor Parnell plan
47 to include in his FY 2016 captial budget and other deposit in the Vessel Replacement Fund to
48 provide the remaining amount of funding needed to construct a new ocean-going vessel to
49 replace the M/V Tustumena.

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51 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 14th day of October, 2013.

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53 CITY OF HOMER

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57 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR

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59 ATTEST:
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62 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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65 Fiscal Note: N/A

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