

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 26-058

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
URGING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) TO
MAINTAIN THE E-RATE PROGRAM AS CURRENTLY CONSTITUTED.

WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996, establishing the e-rate program to fund and sustain internet access for public libraries and schools across the country; and

WHEREAS, By enabling libraries and schools to offer internet access, e-rate has successfully connected many citizens to the larger world; and

WHEREAS, Many residents of the southern Kenai Peninsula lack affordable online access, which is essential for participation in modern life, and the Homer Public Library has long used e-rate funds to offer the connection such patrons would otherwise be unable to obtain; and

WHEREAS, E-rate currently pays for 70% of the public internet costs at the Homer Public Library, amounting to \$11,970 annually that would otherwise be borne by the City of Homer, and also supports internet service at public schools throughout the Kenai Peninsula; and

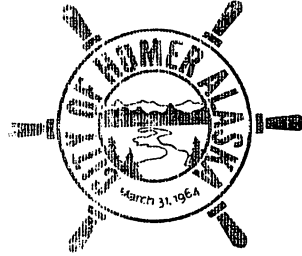
WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently soliciting public comments on proposed changes to the program, which would scale back or eliminate federal funding for internet access nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The proposed changes to the program would reduce the Homer Public Library's ability to serve its patrons and/or increase costs for the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, The Homer City Council recognizes the valuable service that e-rate provides for Homer and for America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby urges the Federal Communications Commission to maintain the e-rate program as currently constituted.

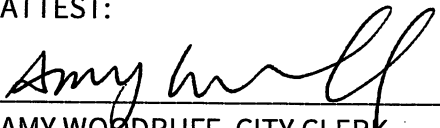
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 14th day of September, 2026.



CITY OF HOMER


RACHEL LORD, MAYOR

ATTEST:


AMY WOODRUFF, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: N/A