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2 **CITY OF HOMER**
3 **HOMER, ALASKA**

4 Lord/Hansen

5 **RESOLUTION 24-012**
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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
8 SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ALASKA'S CONTINUED
9 PARTNERSHIP IN THE US CORPS OF ENGINEERS HOMER HARBOR
10 EXPANSION GENERAL INVESTIGATION AND REQUESTING
11 ADDITIONAL LOCAL SPONSOR MATCH FUNDING IN FY25 IN THE
12 AMOUNT OF \$288,523, CONSISTENT WITH THE SHARED LOCAL
13 MATCH PARTNERSHIP ESTABLISHED IN 2023.
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15 WHEREAS, Homer's Port & Harbor, originally built in 1963, is a regional port serving the
16 needs of commercial vessels operating throughout Southcentral and western Alaska, and the
17 Arctic in the marine transportation, maritime industrial and commercial fishing industries; and
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19 WHEREAS, Over time, the increased demand for moorage has outgrown Homer Port
20 and Harbor's ability to safely and efficiently serve this fleet; and
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22 WHEREAS, The City of Homer ("City") has identified a new large vessel harbor expansion
23 among its highest ranked priority capital improvement projects since 2004 to (1) meet the
24 growing needs of our commercial fleet, (2) address overcrowding and associated navigational
25 safety concerns and high maintenance costs, and (3) support current as well as emerging
26 regional and national economic opportunities; and
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28 WHEREAS, The Homer Harbor Expansion's General Investigation (GI) with the US Army
29 Corps of Engineers (USACE) was successfully initiated in 2023 under a \$3 million Federal Cost
30 Share Agreement in which the federal match is fifty percent and the fifty percent local sponsor
31 match is shared equally between the City and the State of Alaska; and
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33 WHEREAS, Homer City Council is greatly appreciative of the involvement and
34 investment of our Federal and State partners to move this important project forward; and
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36 WHEREAS, The GI investigates all planning aspects needed to build a large vessel harbor
37 at the Homer Spit including, but not limited to: selecting a preferred design alternative and
38 construction methods, evaluating social, economic and environmental factors, determining
39 costs and conducting a cost benefit analysis, which is required to determine Federal interest
40 in continuing to Project Engineering and Design and Construction phases; and
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42 WHEREAS, After reaching the study's Alternatives and Measures Milestone, the USACE
43 project development team updated the project management plan (PMP) to include two

44 additional activities in the GI scope (geotechnical analysis and ship simulation) so that the
45 study would have sufficient data to develop the most realistic benefit to cost ratio; and

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47 WHEREAS, Based on a cost estimate provided by the USACE, this additional work comes
48 with an additional cost of \$1,154,093; and

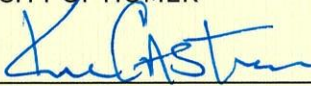
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50 WHEREAS, Homer City Council Resolution 23-130 agreed to the revised scope and cost
51 of the GI under the PMP, stating it is prudent to continue to explore options for a harbor
52 expansion to relieve congestion and improve navigational safety within Homer's Port and
53 Harbor; and

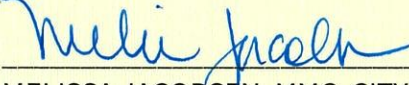
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55 WHEREAS, Consistent with the shared local match partnership, Homer City Council
56 Resolution 23-130 additionally expressed the City of Homer's intent to appropriate funds in the
57 amount of \$288,524 for fifty percent of the required local sponsor match via Ordinance 24-05
58 at the January 22, 2024 Homer City Council meeting; and

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60 WHEREAS, The success and continuation of this project lies in continued active
61 partnership and investment at the local, state and federal levels.

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63 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska hereby
64 supports the State of Alaska's continued partnership in the USACE Homer Harbor Expansion
65 General Investigation and requests additional State match funding in the amount of \$288,523,
66 consistent with the shared local match partnership established in 2023.

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68 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 22nd day of January, 2024.

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70 CITY OF HOMER
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73 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

74 ATTEST:
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77 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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79 Fiscal note: N/A

