

1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

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4 RESOLUTION 17-xxx

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 STATING THAT THE CITY OF HOMER ADHERES TO THE
8 PRINCIPLE OF INCLUSION AND HEREIN COMMITTING THIS
9 CITY TO RESISTING EFFORTS TO DIVIDE THIS COMMUNITY
10 WITH REGARD TO RACE, RELIGION, ETHNICITY, GENDER,
11 NATIONAL ORIGIN, PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES, OR SEXUAL
12 ORIENTATION REGARDLESS OF THE ORIGIN OF THOSE
13 EFFORTS, INCLUDING FROM LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL
14 AGENCIES.

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16 WHEREAS, A new administration is in power in Washington, D.C. without a popular
17 mandate;

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19 WHEREAS, During his campaign, President Donald Trump made statements offensive
20 and harmful to the rights of women; immigrants; religious, racial, and ethnic minorities;
21 veterans; the disabled; LGBTQ citizens; and the general public; and that such statements have
22 continued since his election; and

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24 WHEREAS, The President on numerous occasions has stated clearly his disregard for
25 freedom of speech; freedom of the press; freedom of assembly; and freedom of religion,
26 particularly with regard to Muslim Americans; and

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28 WHEREAS, The President has not disavowed his intention to create a registry of Muslim
29 Americans and now intends to ban Muslims from entering the United States; and

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31 WHEREAS, The President now is following through on his promises to deport millions of
32 undocumented immigrants, including millions brought here as children who have grown up to
33 know no other life than that of an American; and

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35 WHEREAS, The President now is following through on plans to build a wall on the border
36 separating the United States from Mexico without apparent regard to its cost, its effects upon
37 our nation's economy, or its sociological ramifications, and to impose an ideological test for
38 entry into our country; and

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40 WHEREAS, The President has promised to repeal federal regulations protecting LGBTQ
41 citizens; and

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43 WHEREAS, The President already has issued executive orders to effect the repeal of the
44 Affordable Care Act, which provides tens of millions of Americans with health care insurance
45 coverage; and

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47 WHEREAS, The President has issued executive orders to rescind certain women's
48 reproductive rights; and

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50 WHEREAS, The President has promised to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement
51 and to remove other environmental protections instituted under the previous administration,
52 and has begun a process to dismantle the Environmental Protection Agency; and

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54 WHEREAS, Before and especially since the election, some citizens have been
55 emboldened to express overtly an intolerance of diversity that is opposed to the views of most
56 Homer residents and most Americans; and

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58 WHEREAS, The President's cabinet nominees have expressed views similar to those laid
59 out in the whereas clauses above and thus are largely out of step with the attitudes of most
60 Homer residents; and

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62 WHEREAS, The presidential election has exposed deep social and political divisions
63 among Americans and these divisions threaten the general peace as expressions of intolerance
64 rise; and

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66 WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes that while the minority community here may
67 be relatively small, it may be vulnerable, and that if those residents feel in any way threatened
68 simply because they are minorities, the City should be on record as opposing all such intolerance;
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71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Homer
72 unequivocally rejects expressions of fear and hate wherever they may exist, and specifically
73 rejects harassment of women, immigrants, religious minorities, racial and ethnic minorities, and
74 LGBTQ individuals.

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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer embraces all people regardless of
77 skin color, country of birth, faith, sex, gender, marital status, or abilities; and that the City of
78 Homer will not waver in its commitment to inclusion and to continuing to create a village safe
79 for a diverse population.

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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer will resist any and all efforts to profile
82 undocumented immigrants or any other vulnerable population.

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84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer will cooperate with federal agencies
85 in detaining undocumented immigrants when court-issued federal warrants are delivered.

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87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer shall steadfastly defend the United
88 States and Alaska constitutions, especially with regard to the former's precedent-backed right
89 of privacy and the latter's specified right of privacy (Article 1, Section 22), and safeguard the
90 rights declared in the Bill of Rights.

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92 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer will continue its staunch support of
93 our local police in their ongoing efforts to enforce law and protect our community and its visitors
94 in a just, unbiased and transparent manner.

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96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer will declare itself a safety net for the
97 most vulnerable members of and visitors to our community.

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99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer calls on all its citizens to stand against
100 intolerance and resist expressions of hate toward any members of the community, and thus to
101 set an example for the rest of the nation, demonstrating that Homer residents and Alaskans
102 adhere to the principle of live-and-let-live.

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104 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 27th day of February, 2017.

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106 CITY OF HOMER

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111 BRYAN ZAK, MAYOR

112 ATTEST:
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116 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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118 Fiscal Note: N/A