

RESOLUTION __-___OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA,:

stating that the City of Homer adheres to the principle of inclusion and herein committing this city to resisting efforts to divide this community with regard to race, religion, ethnicity, gender, national origin, physical capabilities, or sexual orientation regardless of the origin of those efforts, including from local, state or federal agencies.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the president now is following through on plans to build a wall on the border separating the U.S. from Mexico without apparent regard to its cost, its effects upon our nation's economy, or its sociological ramifications, and to impose an ideological test for entry into our country;

WHEREAS, the president has promised to repeal federal regulations protecting LGBTQ citizens;

WHEREAS, the president already has issued executive orders to effect the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, which provides tens of millions of Americans with health care insurance coverage;

WHEREAS, the president has issued executive orders to rescind certain women's reproductive rights,

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Homer recognizes that while the minority community here may be relatively small, it may be vulnerable, and that if those residents feel in any way threatened simply because they are minorities, the City should be on record as opposing all such intolerance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Homer unequivocally rejects expressions of fear and hate wherever they may exist, and specifically rejects harassment of women, immigrants, religious minorities, racial and ethnic minorities, and LGBTQ individuals, and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Homer will not cooperate with federal agencies in detaining undocumented immigrants unless such actions are supported by court-issued federal warrants, and

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Homer, Alaska, on _____, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain