

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

Aderhold/Reynolds/Lewis

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4 **RESOLUTION 17-019**

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

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15 WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes that American politics has become polarized,
16 which has led to divisiveness in our community; and

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18 WHEREAS, Violent acts targeting religious groups, minorities, and members of the
19 LGBTQ community have become more frequent in and outside of the United States; and

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21 WHEREAS, Before and especially since the election, some citizens on both extremes of
22 the political spectrum have been emboldened to express overtly an intolerance of diversity
23 that is opposed to the views of most Homer residents and most Americans; and

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25 WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes that our community is diverse in regards to
26 religion, political ideologies, sexual identity or orientation, and ethnicity, and that no citizen
27 should feel in any way threatened for their beliefs or physical appearance, and the City should
28 be on record as opposing all intolerance towards those individuals.

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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Homer
31 unequivocally rejects expressions of fear and hate wherever they may exist, and specifically
32 rejects harassment of women, immigrants, religious minorities, racial and ethnic minorities,
33 and LGBTQ individuals, and non-violent political groups.

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

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer will resist any and all efforts to profile
41 vulnerable populations.
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Homer will cooperate with federal agencies
44 in detaining undocumented immigrants when court-issued federal warrants are delivered.

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

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

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

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

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

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65 CITY OF HOMER

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70 BRYAN ZAK, MAYOR

71 ATTEST:
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75 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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77 Fiscal Note: N/A