CITY OF HOMER 1 HOMER, ALASKA 2 Lord 3 **RESOLUTION 19-078** 4 5 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOMER SUPPORTING THE 6 INCLUSION OF CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION 7 MEASURES IN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH'S 2019 8 9 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 10 WHEREAS, annual air temperatures in the Kenai Peninsula Borough have risen by 3.4 11 12 degrees Fahrenheit since 1969 and July 2019 was the warmest month on record in Alaska; and 13 WHEREAS, in August 2019, most of the Kenai Peninsula Borough was in "Severe 14 Drought" status and, for the first time, parts of the northern peninsula reached "Extreme 15 Drought" status; and 16 17 WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough issued three disaster declarations throughout 18 19 summer 2019 in response to multiple fires and droughts caused or exacerbated by increased average temperature and decreased levels of rainfall; and 20 21 WHEREAS, continuation of current climate trends threatens the future of salmon runs 22 on the Kenai Peninsula by depleting water levels and raising temperatures in local watersheds; 23 24 and 25 WHEREAS, continuation of current climate trends may increase the risk and intensity of 26 wildfires resulting from drought and increasing temperatures across the Borough; and 27 28 WHEREAS, the City of Homer stands at risk of significant economic and social harm 29 30 should the integrity of local fisheries and surrounding natural environment be further compromised; and 31 32 WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough's July 2019 draft Comprehensive Plan 33 identifies significant and accelerating impacts caused by climate change in Alaska and 34 recommends preparation of a Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan as a strategic 35 response to these challenges; and 36 37 WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission further amended the 38 Kenai Peninsula Borough's draft Comprehensive Plan to recommend creation of a Kenai 39 Peninsula Borough Commission on Sustainability to explore the feasibility of alternative 40 energy sources on the Kenai Peninsula; and 41 42 WHEREAS, The City of Homer has already formally recognized the importance of 43 climate action by being the first city in the State to adopt a climate action plan. 44

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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, supports the inclusion of a Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan, a Kenai Peninsula Borough 46 Commission on Sustainability, and other climate adaptation and mitigation measures in the 47 Kenai Peninsula Borough's final 2019 Comprehensive Plan, 48 49 50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be mailed to Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Charlie Pierce, members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, 51 and members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission. 52 53 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 28th day of October, 2019. 54 55 CITY OF HOMER 56 57 58 59 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR 60 ATTEST: 61 62 63 64 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK 65 66