CITY OF HOMER HOMER, ALASKA Roberts **RESOLUTION 11-063** A RESOLUTION OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO DESIGNATE 80 ACRES, KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PARCEL NUMBER 179-010-26 NORTHWEST OF THE HOMER AIRPORT AS WILDLIFE HABITAT. WHEREAS, Kachemak Moose Habitat Inc. is a small nonprofit that has preserved more than 1,000 acres of moose habitat on the Southern Kenai Peninsula since 1996; and WHEREAS, Kachemak Moose Habitat Inc. has an emphasis on conserving land around Beluga Lake adjacent to the Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area, allowing moose to congregate and feed during tough winters and deep snow; and WHEREAS, Winter moose and wildlife habitat provides high moose populations for recreational hunters; and WHEREAS, The Homer tourism industry benefits from wildlife viewing; and WHEREAS, The City of Homer Comprehensive Plan classifies this 80 acres as Conservation use; and WHEREAS, Conservation land is defined as environmentally sensitive public land with particularly high value for water quality, fish and wildlife, and other open spaces; and WHEREAS. This action would cause no effect on the city tax revenue as the property would remain in the ownership of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and WHEREAS, This piece of property defined as T6S, R13W, Sec 15 SM, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, and NE 1/4, SW 1/4 is distant from the current area of airport development; and WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly has the power to designate this 80 acre parcel as wildlife habitat and may change this designation again in the future. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council encourages the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to designate 80 acres, Kenai Peninsula Borough Parcel Number 179-010-26 northwest of the Homer airport as wildlife habitat. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 13th day of June, 2011. CITY OF HOMER

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