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Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation 1212 W. 5th Ave. PO Box 358 Nome, Alaska 99762 January 8, 2025

RE: NSEDC Board of Directors; OEF Letter of Support

This is a letter of support for the City of Nome's application to NSEDC's Outside Entity funding for a new water heater at the XYZ Center and locker room renovations at the Nome Rec Center. These city facilities provide essential services to elders in our community; as well as support the health and wellness of our residents.

The XYZ Center serves elders with meals, transportation, shower and laundry facilities. Over 150 elders are registered participants of the center; in addition to the community use of its laundry facilities. Care of our elders is of utmost importance, reflecting not only our community values, but preserving the collective history and knowledge of our community.

The dilapidated condition of the locker rooms at the Nome Rec Center are in dire need of renovation and repair. These essential community facilities are home to community athletic events including city league basketball, volleyball, as well as serving as the community emergency shelter in times of distress. This renovation project is long overdue, and crucial to community health.

Thank you for your continued investment in Norton Sound region communities, and your consideration of this letter of support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Village of Solomon Tribal Resources Director; Deilah Johnson at <u>deilah@villageofsolomon.org</u>.

The Village of Solomon supports the City of Nome Outside Entity funding grant application.

Deilah Johnson Treasurer Tribal Resources Director Village of Solomon

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