

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 11-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRATT MUSEUM'S LEGISLATIVE GRANT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650,000 FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF ITS NEW FACILITY AND SITE REDESIGN PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum is a national award-winning museum that serves more than 35,000 visitors and engages more than 4,000 education program participants annually; and

WHEREAS, The Pratt is consistently recognized as one of Alaska's leading cultural institutions and a model among community museums across the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Pratt is the recipient of the Governor's Award for the Humanities and the National Award for Museum Service, the country's highest honor for museums; and

WHEREAS, The Pratt is a regional economic engine, generating about \$1 million in annual economic activity and drawing visitors to our community from across the state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, The Pratt is embarking on a construction project to better serve its visitors and the community long into the future by providing new exhibits; full handicap accessibility; expanded research capacity to serve students and scholars; and improved ability to expand and preserve the largest collections in the sciences, arts, and humanities on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, The Pratt was awarded a Challenge Grant of \$750,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which must be matched three to one with non-federal dollars to leverage these funds; and

WHEREAS, A capital grant of \$650,000 from the State of Alaska will provide necessary funding for the Design Phase of the Pratt Museum's \$8.5 million new facility and site redesign project, enabling the Museum to maintain project momentum at this crucial stage; and

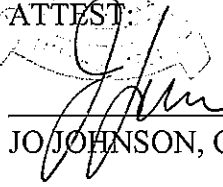
WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum's construction project is included in the City of Homer 2011 – 2016 Capital Improvement Plan and the City supports the Pratt Museum with operational and capital project funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby expresses support for the Pratt Museum's legislative grant request in the amount of \$650,000 for the Design Phase of the Museum's New Facility and Site Redesign Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 24th day of January, 2011.

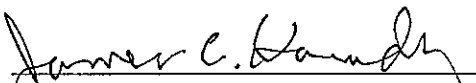


ATTEST:


JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal Note: N/A

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JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR