CITY OF HOMER 1 2 HOMER, ALASKA **Roberts** 3 **RESOLUTION 13-005** 4 5 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, 6 ALASKA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRATT 7 8 MUSEUM'S LEGISLATIVE GRANT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.8 MILLION FOR ITS NEW FACILITY. 9 10 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum is a national award-winning museum that serves more 11 than 30,000 visitors and engages more than 4,000 education program participants annually; and 12 13 14 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum is consistently recognized as one of Alaska's leading cultural institutions and a model among community museums across the nation; and 15 16 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum is the recipient of the Governor's Award for the 17 Humanities and the National Award for Museum Service, the country's highest honor for 18 19 museums; and 20 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum is a regional economic engine, generating about \$1 21 22 million in annual economic activity and drawing visitors to our community from across the state, nation, and world; and 23 24 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum is embarking on a construction project to better serve its 25 visitors and the community long into the future by providing new exhibits; full handicap 26 accessibility; expanded research capacity to serve students and scholars; and improved ability to 27 expand and preserve the largest collections in the sciences, arts, and humanities on the Kenai 28 Peninsula; and 29 30 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum was awarded a Challenge Grant of \$750,000 from the 31 National Endowment for the Humanities, which must be matched three to one with non-federal 32 dollars to leverage these funds; and 33 34 WHEREAS, A capital grant of \$2.8 million from the State of Alaska will provide 35 necessary funding for the Pratt Museum's \$9.5 million new facility and site redesign project, 36 enabling the Museum to maintain project momentum at this crucial stage; and 37 38 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum's construction project is included as Priority No. 4 in the 39 City of Homer Capital Improvement Plan and the City supports the Pratt Museum with 40 operational and capital project funding. 41 42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby expresses 43 support for the Pratt Museum's legislative grant request in the amount of \$2.8 million for the 44

Design Phase of the Museum's New Facility and Site Redesign Project.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska, this 14th day of January, 2013. CITY OF HOMER JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK Fiscal Note: N/A