

1 **CITY OF HOMER**
2 **HOMER, ALASKA**

3 Mayor/Roberts/Burgess

4 **RESOLUTION 13-098**

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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRATT MUSEUM'S GRANT
8 REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2.55 MILLION FOR ITS NEW
9 FACILITY.

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11 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum is a national award-winning museum that serves more
12 than 30,000 visitors and engages more than 4,000 education program participants annually;
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15 WHEREAS, The Pratt is consistently recognized as one of Alaska's leading cultural
16 institutions and a model among community museums across the nation; and

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

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

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

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

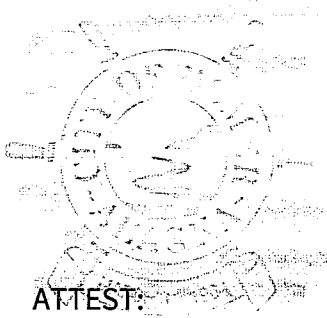
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35 WHEREAS, A capital grant of \$2.55 million from the State of Alaska will provide
36 necessary funding for the Design Phase of the Pratt Museum's \$9.5 million new facility and
37 site redesign project, enabling the Museum to maintain project momentum at this crucial
38 stage; and

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40 WHEREAS, The Pratt Museum's construction project is the City's No. 1 priority for
41 nonprofit funding, is included in the City of Homer Capital Improvement Program; and the
42 City supports the Pratt Museum with operational and capital project funding.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council hereby expresses
44 support for the Pratt Museum's legislative grant request in the amount of \$2.55 million for the
45 Museum's New Facility and Site Redesign Project.

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47 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 14th day of October, 2013.

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49 CITY OF HOMER



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53 *Mary E. Wythe*
54 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR
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56 ATTEST:

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58 *Jo Johnson*
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61 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK
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63 Fiscal Note: N/A
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