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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2011-007**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRATT MUSEUM'S  
ALASKA STATE 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 on the Kenai Peninsula that serves more than 35,000 visitors and engages more than 4,000 education program participants annually; and

**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

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

**WHEREAS,** The Pratt Museum 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 Museum 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 of Homer supports the Pratt Museum with operational and capital project funding;

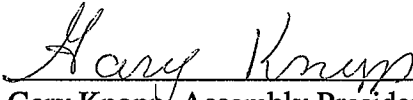
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby expresses support for the Pratt Museum's Alaska State legislative grant request in the amount of \$650,000 for the Design Phase of the Museum's New Facility and Site Redesign Project.

**SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough's Legislative Delegation Senators Al Kookesh, Thomas Wagoner, Cathy Giessel and Gary Stevens, and Representatives Mike Hawker, Kurt Olson, Mike Chenault, Alan Dick and Paul Seaton.

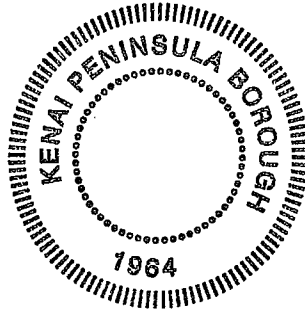
**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.**

  
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Gary Knopp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp  
No: None  
Absent: None