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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2011-008**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRATT MUSEUM'S  
U.S. SENATE APPROPRIATION GRANT REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000  
FOR CONSTRUCTION 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,** An appropriation of \$1,500,000 from the United States Senate will provide necessary funding to start construction of the Pratt Museum's \$8.5 million new facility and site redesign project; 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 annually supports the Pratt Museum with operational and capital project funding;

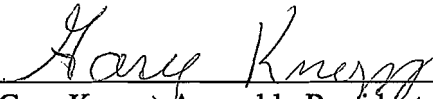
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby expresses support for the Pratt Museum's Senate appropriation grant request in the amount of \$1,500,000 for construction of the Museum's New Facility and Site Redesign Project.

**SECTION 2.** That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich and Congressman Don Young.

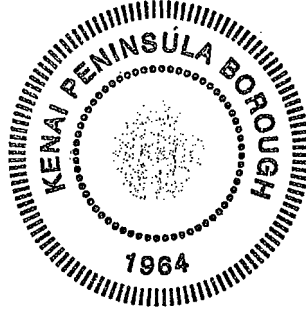
**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

  
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Gary Knopp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



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