



January 16, 2012

Gary Knopp, President Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members 144 North Binkley Street Soldotna, AK 99669

Re: Resolution 2012-004

Dear President Knopp and Assembly Members,

A resolution of support from the Kenai Peninsula Borough will help the Pratt Museum's request for a capital grant of **\$650,000** from the State of Alaska. This resolution of support is virtually the same as Res. 2011-007 approved by the Borough Assembly last year. We did not receive funding last year.

\$650,000 will enable the design completion of the Pratt Museum's new building and site. The Design Phase totals \$850,000 or 10% of the Pratt's \$8.5 million capital project. A grant from the State of Alaska to complete the Design Phase will allow the Museum to maintain project momentum at a critical stage. The State has previously, in fiscal year 2010, given the Pratt Museum \$100,000 toward Schematic Design. A total of \$750,000 remains for the Design Phase. Critical to hiring the Architect/Engineering team, this grant will help the Pratt leverage significant additional funding for a capital project that will invigorate the region and transform the Museum.

Funding Request

\$650,000 Design Phase

In addition to funding the Design Phase, this appropriation may be used to match a \$750,000 National Endowment for the Humanities challenge grant which requires a 3 to 1 non-federal match.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pratt Museum.

Very sincerely,

Milli Martin President, Board of Directors

