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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2012-004**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRATT MUSEUM'S
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 legislative grant request in the amount of \$650,000 for the Design Phase of the Museum's New Facility and Site Redesign Project.

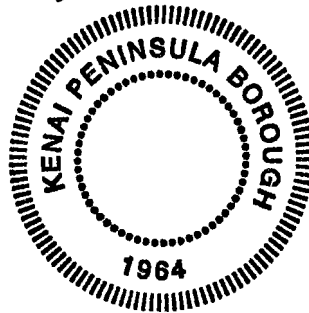
SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.


Gary Knopp, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



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