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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2015-001**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRATT MUSEUM'S  
GRANT REQUEST FOR 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 30,000 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 has embarked 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 \$1,650,000 from the State of Alaska will provide needed funding for the Pratt Museum's \$9.5 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 as the No. 1 priority for nonprofit funding in the City of Homer Capital Improvement program list and the City of Homer supports the Pratt Museum with operational and capital project funding; and

**WHEREAS,** this project will benefit the borough by providing a significantly improved museum with all associated benefits to the community and the visitor industry;

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

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

**SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough's Alaska State House and Senate Delegation.

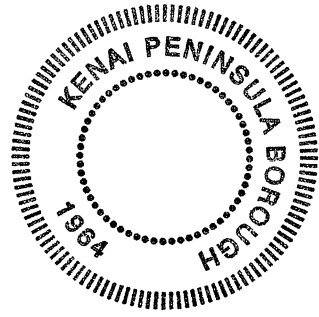
**SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.**

  
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Dale Bagley, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Haggerty, Gilman, Johnson, McClure, Ogle, Welles, Wolf, Bagley  
No: None  
Absent: None