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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Dale Bagley, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**FROM:** Kelly Cooper, Assembly Member 

**DATE:** December 23, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2015- 001, A Resolution Supporting the Pratt Museum's Grant Request for its New Facility and Site Redesign Project

The Pratt Museum in Homer is a nationally honored museum which is consistently viewed as one of Alaska's most important cultural institutions. For many years it has provided local jobs and income by supporting the visitor industry. Up to 30,000 visitors are served by it each year and more than 4,000 persons participate in its programs.

The existing facility is more than 45 years old and does not adequately support its mission of presenting the arts, science and culture of Kachemak Bay. To address this concern the Pratt Museum Board of Directors and staff have been working for years towards a comprehensive redesign of the property and construction of a new museum. Constructing the new museum is a multi-year project. Last year the board received funding from the Alaska State Legislature in the amount of \$900,000.

The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a Challenge Grant of \$750,000 to the Pratt, which must be matched three to one with non-federal funds. The board is pursuing a capital grant of \$1.65 million from the State of Alaska to help fund construction of the new facility and site redesign project, and these funds can be used towards the necessary local match. This resolution supports the request for this legislative grant.

Your support for this resolution is respectfully requested.