

Introduced by: Cooper, Haggerty
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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2015-040**

**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,** additional funding of \$1,650,000 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 resolution for 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 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

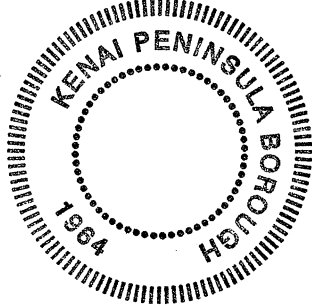
Dale I Bagley

Dale Bagley, Assembly President

ATTEST:

John Blankenship

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



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