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Resolution

Statewide Library, Archives & Museum Project

Resolution 01-2011 - November 14, 2011

WHEREAS the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board recognizes that historical records are our priceless legacy, since collecting and preserving Alaska's documentary heritage is fundamental in understanding our past; and

WHEREAS the existing archives and museum buildings are obsolete, structurally deficient, and collection space is limited; and

WHEREAS these buildings lack efficient temperature and humidity controls for long-term preservation of state records, photographs, and museum artifacts, placing the collections at great risk; and

WHEREAS the acquisitions of the three facilities--the Library, Archives, & Museum--constitute a comprehensive and internationally recognized collection of Alaska history and culture; and

WHEREAS just a few of the priceless items preserved include: State Legislative & Territorial Court System records; Recorder's Office dockets, journals, and bound volumes; diaries of Alaska's pioneers; the original *State Constitution*, and artifacts of Natives and sourdoughs; and

WHEREAS all three facilities make loans to Alaska libraries, archives, and museums, and provide technical support and conservation services to statewide institutions and individuals; and

WHEREAS the new facility will greatly enhance the capability to provide these services, including web-based access, while providing essential protection and preservation of irreplaceable articles of Alaska's heritage; and

WHEREAS the *Statewide Library, Archives & Museum Project* has received \$32.4 million to date that funds final design and initial site preparation; and

WHEREAS a \$94.5 million appropriation will complete the project; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board supports the funding necessary to complete the new combined Statewide Library, Archives & Museum;

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board:

That on behalf of present and future generations of Alaskans members of the Twenty-Seventh Alaska Legislature are urged to support and appropriate funding in the Fiscal Year 2013 capital budget to complete this project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this *Resolution* be transmitted to all sixty Alaska State legislators.

This resolution has the full and unanimous support of all voting ASHRAB members:

Peter Caffall-Davis, Hyder Archives, ASHRAB Chair-person Pro Tem, Hyder
Teresa Fahning, Government Records, City of Soldotna Clerk, Soldotna
Zach Jones, Native American Records, Sealaska Heritage Institute, Juneau
Gladi Kulp, Public/Historical, Juneau
Carol O'Malley, Public/Historical, Anchorage
Laura Samuelson, Director, Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, Nome

Two ASHRAB members, Dean Dawson, State Archivist, ASHRAB Coordinator
And Judith Bittner, State Historical Preservation Officer, ASHRAB Deputy
Coordinator, were recused or abstained from voting due to potential conflicts
of interest.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Cordially,



Peter Caffall-Davis, ASHRAB Chair-person Pro Tem