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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
No. AR 2008-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING OF \$1 MILLION FOR THE ALASKA ZOO TO COMPLETE THE GATEWAY COMPLEX, THE NEW ANIMAL COMMISSARY AND THE NEW INFIRMARY.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Zoo has for almost four decades been a leader in Alaskan wildlife conservation, community education and recreation for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Zoo is a self-sustaining, nonprofit with a thirty-nine year history of providing orphaned, injured and abandoned animals with a home and care; and

WHEREAS, state and federal wildlife authorities in the last 5 years alone have placed 73 animals with the Zoo; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo provides a rich array of educational programs on wildlife conservation that more than 20,000 people participated in last year; and

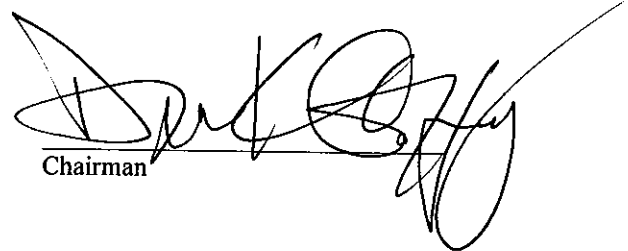
WHEREAS, the gateway complex will be the first permanent home for the education department capable of seating 200 people in a lecture hall and a 50-seat classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Zoo has launched the "Bear" Essential Capital Campaign to complete the gateway complex and parking lot, the new animal commissary and the new animal infirmary and has raised \$300,000 of the final \$1.35 million needed to complete these projects;

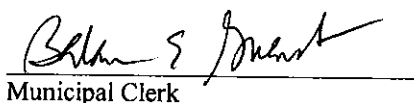
NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

To urge the State of Alaska to contribute \$1 million to complete the Alaska Zoo's gateway complex, new animal commissary and new animal infirmary.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 12th day of February, 2008.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

"Bear" Essentials Capital Campaign



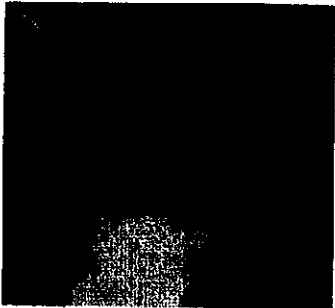
Dear Friend of the Zoo,

The Alaska Zoo looks to the future with a clear vision of providing optimal care for our animals, a pleasant experience for visitors and expanding our role as an educational institution. The Zoo is on the verge of taking some tremendous steps forward and we could use your help.

We need to raise \$1.35 million to complete three capital projects to better serve our animals and you. They are the new infirmary, animal commissary and the gateway complex.



New Infirmary: A new infirmary will benefit every animal residing at the Alaska Zoo as well as new arrivals. The building is designed to incorporate indoor/outdoor holding areas for large animals, a wintering facility for migratory birds with a public viewing area and an isolation area for incoming animals. The examination room will be equipped with viewing windows to allow the observation of some procedures for educational purposes. The price tag for this project is \$400-thousand.



Animal Commissary: Not a glamorous project, but the animal commissary is vital to the efficient and proper handling of food products coming into the Zoo. The renovated commissary will encompass storage areas for food items (dry, refrigerated and frozen), a diet preparation area and a dish cleaning area. The remodel includes new interior walls, new flooring, cabinets, larger counters and sinks. It will also add a second story to the building to be utilized as a staff locker room. This project is estimated at \$350-thousand.



Gateway Complex: Help us give our education department its first permanent home with a 200-person lecture hall and 50-seat classroom with audio/visual components. This will allow the Zoo to meet the growing community demands for services and continue in its mission of providing wildlife conservation through education. The facility will also house a new admissions kiosk, gift shop and provide a safer and larger gathering point for schools, families and tour groups. We are \$589-thousand away from opening this building.

Please help us! I know the huge numbers can be daunting, but remember - every dollar helps. We really can't do it without you. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Pat Lampi
Executive Director