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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR NO. 2010-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING  
THE ALASKA ZOO'S FUNDING REQUEST BEFORE THE TWENTY-SIXTH ALASKA  
LEGISLATURE FOR \$500,000.00 TO INITIATE THE POLAR BEAR EXPANSION  
PROJECT AND COMPLETE THE ZOO SIGNAGE PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Alaska Zoo celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as 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 40 year history of  
providing orphaned, injured, and abandoned animals with a home and care; and

WHEREAS, in the last five years, federal and state wildlife authorities have  
placed 63 animals with the Alaska Zoo; and

WHEREAS, last year, more than 25,000 people participated in the rich array of  
educational programs on wildlife conservation at the Alaska Zoo; and

WHEREAS, a funding request of \$500,000.00 is pending before the Twenty-Sixth  
Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, \$300,000.00 will provide funding towards Phase 1, the planning and  
design, of the Polar Bear Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$200,000.00 will fund 28 new signs throughout the  
zoo as well as a new website design; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Zoo has \$37,000.00 in capital funds towards these  
projects and possibly another \$21,000.00 in matching funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Assembly  
supports the Alaska Zoo's funding request and urges the Twenty-Sixth  
Alaska Legislature to approve \$500,000.00 in state funding for the Alaska  
Zoo's Polar Bear Expansion Project (Phase 1) and the Alaska Zoo Signage  
Project.**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 2nd day of  
February, 2010.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk