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**APPROVED**

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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**AR NO. 2011-38**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE  
ALASKA ZOO'S FUNDING REQUEST TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ALASKA  
LEGISLATURE FOR \$425,000.00 TO UPGRADE ITS VEHICLE FLEET AND  
COMPLETE THE ZOO SIGNAGE/GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS 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 one of the top tourist destinations in Alaska, with  
more than 158,000 people visiting the Alaska Zoo annually; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Zoo is a self-sustaining nonprofit with a 41-year history of  
providing orphaned, injured, and abandoned animals with a home and care; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Alaska Zoo raises more than \$2 MILLION in operational  
costs through admissions, rentals, programs and donations, exclusive of funding from any  
municipal, state, or federal entity; and

WHEREAS, by February 11, 2011, the Alaska Zoo will present a funding request of  
\$425,000.00 to the Twenty-Seventh Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, \$151,000.00 will fund the Signage/Grounds Improvements Project for  
39 new signs, to level the lawn area by the coffee shop and add a stage, to construct an  
awning over the zoo entrance stairs and provide an adjustable operating table for the  
animal infirmary; and

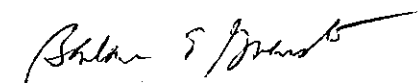
WHEREAS, the remaining \$274,000.00 will expand the Alaska Zoo's capabilities to  
maintain its facility and provide services by funding the Vehicles Project to upgrade the  
fleet of work vehicles, visitor and outreach vehicles; provide a new-used dump truck, a 4-  
wheeler with a bed, a track hoe and a zoom boom, a new 15-passenger vehicle for  
visitors, and a mid-size SUV or mini-van for educational outreach;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Assembly supports  
the Alaska Zoo's funding request and urges the Twenty-Seventh Alaska  
Legislature to approve \$425,000.00 in state funding for the Alaska Zoo's  
Vehicles Project and Signage/Grounds Improvements Project.**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
February, 2011.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk