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For reading: June 14, 2011

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2011-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR SULLIVAN RECOGNIZING AND
THANKING THE ANCHORAGE ROTARY CLUB, RASMUSON FOUNDATION, MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER,
DAVIS CONSTRUCTORS & ENGINEERS, INC., ANCHORAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN ADVISORY BOARD AND
ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD FOR MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
CREATION OF *TEEN UNDERGROUND* AT THE Z.J. LOUSSAC LIBRARY.

WHEREAS, a major goal of the 2009 Library Community Plan, a community-supported vision for the future of the
Library, is to encourage a new generation of library users through the creation of a dedicated space where teens
can study, research, collaborate and interact in a stimulating and safe environment; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no dedicated space for teens in the Z.J. Loussac Library and resources are
currently combined with pre-school and grade school children; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Public Library is focused on the launch of a generational renewal of the Z.J. Loussac
Library and does not have the current capacity to address the immediate needs of teen patrons on its own; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Rotary Club, with major financial support from the Rasmuson Foundation, Municipal
Light & Power and Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc., joined forces with the Anchorage Public Library's Teen
Advisory Board and Anchorage School District's Student Advisory Board to generate community support and
private investment to create *Teen Underground* within less than a year of the launch of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Library provides powerful, out-of-school learning experiences and *Teen Underground* will be a
space for experimentation where young people explore traditional and digital media and use hands-on, interest-
based learning to strengthen their creativity and critical thinking skills; and

WHEREAS, the *Teen Underground* project builds on current research on how teens learn through new media and
on the national work being conducted on 21st century skills and the needs of the new workforce in America; and

WHEREAS, *Teen Underground* will engage young people in learning through the use of digital media, while also
utilizing traditional literacies—such as reading and writing—to improve Anchorage's students' participation in
building their community, helping each other with homework, and developing networks that extend beyond the
walls of their individual schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

That the Anchorage Assembly and Mayor Dan Sullivan recognize and thank the following contributors to *Teen
Underground* at the Z.J. Loussac Library for contributions of lasting significance for the city and all its citizens:

**Anchorage Rotary Club
Rasmuson Foundation
Municipal Light and Power
Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc.
Anchorage Public Library, Teen Advisory Board
Anchorage School District, Student Advisory Board**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 14th day of June, 2011.

ATTEST:


Vice Chair of the Assembly


Municipal Clerk