



Resolution of The State Board of Education & Early Development

Libraries, Archives & Museums Construction Project In Juneau, AK

Resolution 01-2010

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Libraries, Archives and Museums preserve and make available to the public our state's rich heritage for pleasure, education and research;

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Libraries, including the Historical Collections, serves an increasing number of patrons, 42,194 in 2008, as well as local and school libraries and library patrons across the state;

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Archives served 453 patrons in 2008 and assists the state and local governments in maintaining their public records;

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Museums serves an increasing number of patrons, 62,741 in 2008, as well as local museums and museum visitors across the state;

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Libraries in the State Office Building in Juneau is overcrowded and vulnerable to water leaks, and subject to light and heat conditions that compromise the collections;

WHEREAS, the most notable leak in the Alaska State Library occurred on February 9, 2005, ruining some books, damaging others, and forcing the closure of the library for approximately six weeks during recovery;

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Archives in Juneau is housed in a decrepit building, with cracked walls and an aging roof that leaked in August 2009, damaging 1,000 boxes of documents, blueprints and maps, forcing the Archives to close for one month to recover documents;

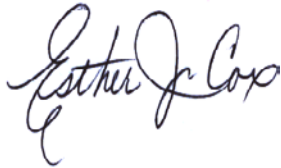
WHEREAS, the Alaska State Museums' building in Juneau, the Historical Collections of the State Library and the Alaska State Archives building in Juneau are at capacity, requiring off-site storage;

WHEREAS, the State Libraries, Archives and Museums Project would integrate the three entities in a spacious and properly controlled campus, and promote administrative and operational efficiencies;

WHEREAS, such a campus would properly preserve and display Alaska's heritage to the public, and allow for future growth in the collections;

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature has appropriated \$7.5 million to plan and design the campus;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education & Early Development supports capital funding to construct the State Libraries, Archives and Museums Project.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Esther J. Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Esther" being more prominent than the last name "Cox".

Esther Cox, Chair
Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development

Dated: October 26, 2009