ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2008-111

A RESOLUTION TO NAME FEATURES OF THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM AT
RASMUSON CENTER

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code 3.97 governs a means of naming municipally owned
buildings as well as other facilities and public places; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center is under construction for a 80,000
square foot expansion scheduled to be complete in the spring of 2010; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the museum itself, the building will house both the Imaginarium as
well as a branch of the Smithsonian Institution’s Arctic Studies Center, and the building will
feature highly energy efficient design features, and museum staff are seeking LEED
certification for the project; and

WHEREAS, with AM 238-2008, Mayor Mark Begich and Assembly Chair Dan Coffey
appointed a four person naming committee consisting of Chris Swalling, Karen Compton,
Julie Decker, and Duane Heyman to consider naming features within the existing museum
building as well as components of the expanded facility currently under construction; and

WHEREAS, all of the honorary names proposed reflect substantial financial contributions on
behalf of the donors; and

WHEREAS, the naming committee met at a publicly noticed meeting on May 27, 2008, and
after discussing the matter recommended naming the following features in the museum as
follows:

Alaska Native Regional Corporations Listening Space
(new wing, second floor) $285,000

BP Kinetic Space
(currently gallery 7, science gallery in existing building) $600,000

Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Activity Room
(existing building) $150,000

ConocoPhillips Gallery
(new wing, second floor) $300,000

Sisters’ Space
(named for Lile Gibbons and Judy Rasmuson--the lawn area
Outside in the landscaped common—new construction) $1,000,000

Gillam Archeology Laboratory
(new wing, second floor) $100,000

Leah’s Corner
(third floor, new wing – in honor of Leah J. Peterson) $144,000

Paul G. Allen Family Foundation Reading Room
WHEREAS, in addition to the newly proposed names, the committee revisited previously named spaces and recommended changing three names for interior spaces which were approved by the Assembly in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the naming committee recommends changing previously named spaces to:

Bob and Evangeline Atwood Alaska Resource Center  
(previously Atwood Foundation Library and Archives)

Thomas Planetarium  
(previously Lowell and Tay Thomas Planetarium/Round Room)

Gottstein Learning Center  
(previously Barney and Rachel Gottstein Resource Center).

Now, therefore, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the following spaces be named:

Alaska Native Regional Corporations Listening Space (new wing, second floor)
BP Kinetic Space (currently gallery 7, science gallery in existing building)
Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation Activity Room (existing building)
ConocoPhillips Gallery (new wing, second floor)
Sisters’ Space (new construction)
Gillam Archeology Laboratory (new wing, second floor)
Leah’s Corner (third floor, new wing – in honor of Leah J. Peterson)
Paul G. Allen Family Foundation Reading Room (new wing, 1st floor)
TOTE KidSpace (science gallery in existing building)
Bob and Evangeline Atwood Alaska Resource Center  
(previously Atwood Foundation Library and Archives)
Thomas Planetarium  
(previously Lowell and Tay Thomas Planetarium/Round Room)
Gottstein Learning Center  
(previously Barney and Rachel Gottstein Resource Center)

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ______ day of __________, 2008.

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Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk