RESOLUTION OF THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL REGARDING AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPOSITORY IN PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AND LOWER COOK INLET

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WHEREAS on December 18, 1997, the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council ("Council") adopted a resolution regarding funding for archaeological repositories in Prince

William Sound and the lower Kenai Peninsula and directed the Executive Director of the Trustee Council ("Executive Director") to invite comprehensive proposals for a regional repository in one of the eight communities at a cost not to exceed \$1 million, local display facilities in the remaining seven communities at a total cost not to exceed \$1.6 million, and traveling exhibits at a cost not to exceed \$200,000; and

WHEREAS on May 1, 1998, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Council solicited competitive grant proposals for a regional repository, local display facilities and traveling exhibits in Prince William Sound and lower Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS proposals were received from Chugachmiut, in partnership with Chugach Alaska Corporation and Qutekcak Native Tribe, ("Chugachmiut") and the Valdez Native Tribe, in partnership with the City of Valdez ("Valdez Native Tribe"); and

WHEREAS both proposals meet minimum requirements, including financial guarantees; and

WHEREAS the proposal from Chugachmiut demonstrated far greater community support in the form of resolutions from village councils in the affected area than did the proposal from the Valdez Native Tribe;

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THEREFORE we resolve to provide \$2.8 million (plus a reasonable amount of funding for project management and general administration to be approved by the Council) to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to administer as a grant award to Chugachmiut ("Grantee") to restore archaeological resources in Prince William Sound and lower Cook Inlet. The funds are to be allocated as follows:

1. \$1 million for a regional repository in Seward to house and display spill-related artifacts;

2. \$1.6 million for the construction of new or renovated community facilities in Valdez, Cordova, Tatitlek, Chenega, Port Graham, Nanwalek and Seldovia; and

3. \$200,000 for the development of traveling exhibits of spill-related archaeological materials for display in community facilities in the spill area.

Furthermore, the Council attaches the following conditions to use of joint trust funds for this project:

1. Prior to authorization of the first phase of the project, the Executive Director must determine that the project manager designated by the Grantee has the necessary expertise, professional qualifications and time to ensure successful completion of this project.

2. Before the Executive Director may authorize the Grantee to proceed to the construction phase of the repository component, an independent review of operating costs and revenues, the financial guarantees to build and operate the facility and other aspects of the Grantee's business plan must be completed. The review should be conducted by AIDEA or a similar organization with appropriate expertise.

3. Either the Grantee or the Alaska Department of Natural Resources may terminate the project after consideration of the results of the independent review of operating costs and revenues.

4. Before the Executive Director may authorize the Grantee to proceed to the construction phase of the repository component, the Grantee must provide adequate guarantees to build and support the facility for 20 years.

5. Before the Executive Director may authorize the Grantee to proceed to the construction phase of the local display facility component, the Grantee, in collaboration with the University of Alaska, must develop appropriate training programs for staff in the local display facilities. The Grantee must finance the training programs with funds other than joint trust funds.

Approved by the Council at its meeting of January 22, 1999, held in Anchorage, Alaska, as affirmed by our signatures affixed below:

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