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**CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA  
AMENDED RESOLUTION 2006-119**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA RECOGNIZING THE FRIENDS OF THE JESSE LEE HOME AS A STATEWIDE INTEREST GROUP DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE JESSE LEE HOME AS A CITY PRIORITY AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO SEEK GRANTS AND/ OR FUNDING FOR THE JESSE LEE HOME AS A STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL AND UTILIZE THE ALASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AS THE FIDUCIARY AND MANAGERIAL AGENT OF SUCH FUNDS AND NECESSARY CONTRACTS FOR THE PREDEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING FOR THE JESSE LEE HOME**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seward recognizes the Jesse Lee Home as a historical landmark for the State of Alaska and the City of Seward; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jesse Lee Home was the home of Benny Benson when he designed the Alaska State Flag, is the place where the first State flag was sewn, and is the place where the State flag was first flown; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jesse Lee Home is listed on the State Department of Historical and Natural Resources as one of the top ten (10) sites of historical significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jesse Lee Home building represents a distinctive part of Alaska's history and is in need of immediate restoration in order to salvage the existing structure(s); and

**WHEREAS**, the deterioration of the building is to the point that if restoration does not occur soon this resource will be lost forever; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the City Council included the Jesse Lee Home on the City priority list to help facilitate assistance for this historical site; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the City of Seward made the Jesse Lee Home the highest priority to the Seward Historic Preservation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home is a statewide interest group dedicated to the restoration of the Jesse Lee Home for a statewide leadership school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home have contracted with the Alaska Community Foundation to act as the 501(c)(3) fiduciary agent of all Federal, State, Corporate and private grants

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and/or funds and contracts for the predevelopment and planning of the Jesse Lee Home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home have already raised approximately \$45,000 for the grant matching funds for the Rasmussen Grant preplanning efforts for a statewide leadership school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home have requested \$3 million dollars from the State of Alaska for immediate stabilization in 2007 which is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska State Flag; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home recognize the other capital needs of the City and City's inability to absorb the operation costs of the future leadership school as currently proposed for the end use of the restored Jesse Lee Home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home intend to pursue all such grants and funds as a statewide priority with independent lobbying efforts from the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home will need continued city council political support validating that the Jesse Lee Home is a state and city priority and the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home have been given consent to continue their statewide lobbying efforts, grant efforts, and capital campaign funds for the Jesse Lee Home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home acknowledge the City Library Museum as a complimentary project that could further justify Seward as an educational consortium; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home plan to engage with the Library/ Museum planning efforts to mutually draw upon the business plan to assure that these city projects are complimentary and ensure a community partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home have already approached AVTEC, the Alaska SeaLife Center, the Seward High School, and Quteckak to further engage in community partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council acknowledges that the Jesse Lee Home is located in Seward, Alaska and without Seward City Council political support and the Jesse Lee Home on the priority list, the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home will not be successful; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seward recognizes that this project is beyond its financial resources to restore the structure and will rely on the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home to find an end use that will not impose unfunded operational and maintenance costs on the City; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council authorizes the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home as a project partner and agent of the Jesse Lee Home for the restoration and end use of the Jesse Lee Home; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration shall continue to support the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home to assure the success of this partnership.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA**, that:

**Section 1.** The City Council recognizes the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home as a statewide interest group and project partner dedicated to the restoration of the Jesse Lee Home as a statewide leadership school.

**Section 2.** The City Council directs the city manager to support the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home to seek private grants and/or other funding for the Jesse Lee Home and allows the Alaska Community Foundation to act as a fiduciary and managerial agent of such funds and necessary contracts for the predevelopment and planning for the Jesse Lee Home.

**Section 3.** The City Council directs the City Manager to continue to support the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home to assure the success of this partnership.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the city of Seward, Alaska, this 6th day of November, 2006.

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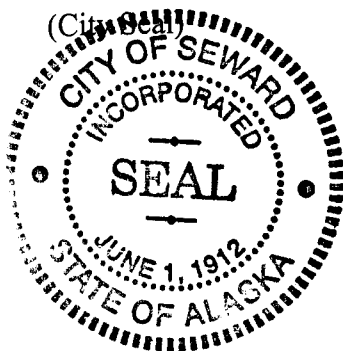
**THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA**

*Vanta Shafer*  
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**Vanta Shafer, Mayor**

AYES: Dunham, Valdatta, Thomas, Schafer, Bardarson, Amberg, Shafer  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

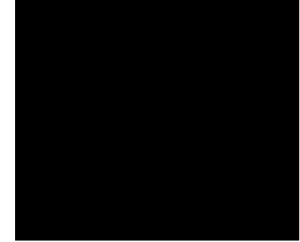
**ATTEST:**

*Shannan Millerhill, acting for*  
Jean Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk



# COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT

**Meeting Date:** November 6, 2006  
**From:** Clark Corbridge, City Manager  
**Agenda Item:** Calendar Year 2007 City Priorities



## **BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:**

The City Council recognizes the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home as a statewide interest group and project partner dedicated to the restoration of the Jesse Lee Home as a statewide leadership school.

The City Council directs the city manager to support the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home to seek federal, state, corporate, and private grants and/or funds for the Jesse Lee Home and allows the Alaska Community Foundation to act as a fiduciary and managerial agent of such funds and necessary contracts for the predevelopment and planning for the Jesse Lee Home.

The City Council supports the \$3 million dollar state request as a 2007 state and city priority and will offer political support for the project and partnership with the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home.

The City Council directs the City Manager to continue to support the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home to assure the success of this partnership.

## **CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:**

Where applicable, this resolution is consistent with the Seward City Code, Charter, Comprehensive Plans, Land Use Plans, Strategic Plan and City Council Rules of Procedures.

## **FISCAL NOTE:**

There are no financial requests with this resolution. In good faith, the City could contribute any such funds to help the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home meet specific goals.

Approved by Finance Department

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Council approve Resolution 2006- approving the City of Seward's recognizing the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home as a statewide interest group dedicated to the preservation of the Jesse Lee Home as a City and State priority and directing the city manager to

support their efforts to seek federal, state, corporate, and private grants and/or funds for the Jesse Lee Home as a statewide leadership school and utilize the Alaska Community Foundation as the fiduciary and managerial agent of such funds and necessary contracts for the predevelopment and planning for the Jesse Lee Home.