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### **Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository Awarded Reaccreditation by AAM**

KODIAK, AK—The Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository is proud to announce its reaccreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). This certification recognizes the museum’s continued excellence and adherence to national standards. Reaccreditation was granted by AAM’s Accreditation Commission following a rigorous, multi-year process that included a comprehensive self-study and an on-site evaluation by museum peers. This peer-review system ensures that accredited museums meet high standards and continue to improve. The Alutiiq Museum is one of a select group of museums nationwide to achieve and maintain accreditation and one of just seven accredited museums in Alaska.

Accredited museums are recognized for meeting the highest standards of professional practice and for their commitment to accountability, institutional growth, and public service. This distinction affirms that the Alutiiq Museum remains a trusted steward of its collections and a leader in preserving and sharing Alutiiq culture. Through this process, the Alutiiq Museum demonstrated strong performance across all areas of operation.

The Accreditation Commission specifically commended the museum for its exemplary educational programming and its stewardship of collections. The reviewers also highlighted the museum’s deep commitment to its community, both in organizational practices and public services. The accreditation report concludes “the cooperative spirit and the level of commitment shown by the Native community, the board, the staff, and the larger community should ensure the museum’s continued success.” As part of maintaining accredited status, the museum will continue to engage in ongoing evaluation and planning, with its next reaccreditation review scheduled for 2036.

Executive Director April Counciller said, “Accreditation means we have demonstrated long-term professionalism, but also have a commitment to continual improvement. I am so proud of the many people who helped us achieve this distinction for the second time.”

The Alutiiq Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history and culture of the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq, an Alaska Native tribal people. Representatives of Kodiak Alutiiq organizations govern the museum with funding from charitable contributions, memberships, grants, contracts, and sales.