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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1596

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE DEFAACEMENT OF THE YAX TE TOTEM POLE, DIRECTING THE MANAGER TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL JUNEAU CRIME LINE FUND FOR THE ARREST OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFAACEMENT, AND URGING COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE FUND.

WHEREAS, in 1941, Tlingit carver Frank St. Clair, under the auspices of the U.S. Civilian Conservation Corps, carved the Yax Te totem pole, a distinguished work depicting a bear, various birds, and the princess of the first people who lived at Auke Village, and

WHEREAS, since its creation, the totem pole has graced the Auke Recreation Area, providing a link to Juneau's heritage, a reaffirmation of cultural values, and an inspiration to artisans, and

WHEREAS, in the dark hours of September 12, 1992, a person or persons deliberately set fire to the Yax Te totem pole, heavily damaging the base and scarring the surface to a height of twelve feet, and

WHEREAS, this crime cannot go unnoticed and should not go unpunished;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. That the Assembly condemns the outrage committed upon the people of Juneau by the defacement of the Yax Te totem pole, and condemns further the cowardice and callousness of those who committed the act.

2. That the Assembly joins with the entire Juneau community, and in particular the Native community in mourning the damage to this cultural asset.

3. That the manager is directed to transfer such sum as may be necessary in combination with private donations to establish a fund with the Juneau Crime Line for a reward of \$3,000, or such larger sum as may reasonably be necessary, for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for this act.

4. That the Assembly calls upon the people of Juneau to express their sadness and anger over this crime, and their resolve to see justice done, by contributing to the Juneau Crime Line Yax Te Totem Pole Fund.

5. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 21st day of September, 1992.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk