

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2990

A Resolution Authorizing the Installation of Eleven Totem Poles in Overstreet Park and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sealaska Heritage Institute for the Creation, Installation, and Maintenance of the Totem Poles.

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is the ancestral home of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples; and

WHEREAS, totem poles express Southeast Alaskan Native communities' histories, values, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Sealaska Heritage Institute secured a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to commission totem poles from Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian master artists; and

WHEREAS, the proposed totem poles will comprise part of Kootéeyaa Deiyí, a totem pole trail, along the waterfront in Overstreet Park in Downtown Juneau; and

WHEREAS, each totem pole will be accompanied by an interpretive storyboard identifying the pole's clan and crests, and providing information related to the pole's artwork; and

WHEREAS, the totem poles will support the Juneau Economic Development Plan by enhancing Juneau's presence as a regional arts and culture hub while furthering Juneau's standing as the Northwest Coast arts capital of the world; and

WHEREAS, the totem poles will support the Juneau Economic Development Plan's goal of revitalizing Downtown Juneau by adding celebratory and educational art; and

WHEREAS, the totem poles will support the Comprehensive Plan's objective to preserve and protect the unique cultures of Alaskan Native peoples and promote responsible heritage tourism that accurately represents Juneau's unique history; and

WHEREAS, thanks to advancements in totem pole construction and preservation, a long life of 50 to 75 years is anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the CBJ and SHI anticipate at the end of their life, the totem poles will be laid to rest in the forest in accordance with traditional custom and the new generation will carve new poles.

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

Section 1. That the Assembly hereby authorizes the installation of up to twelve totem poles and accompanying storyboards on the waterfront in Overstreet Park.

Section 2. That the Assembly hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sealaska Heritage Institute, or a substantially similar agreement, for the installation and maintenance of the totem poles and accompanying storyboards.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 11th day of July, 2022.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk