

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 04/23/2012
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2611

A Resolution Renaming the Douglas Harbor the “Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor.”

WHEREAS, Mike Pusich was born June 27, 1896, in Kumbar, Yugoslavia, formerly the Republic of Austria; he traveled to the United States in 1909, and moved to Douglas, Alaska, in 1912 to work in the Treadwell sawmill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pusich resided in Douglas from 1912 until his death in 1953, during which time he married Anna Bartolini, and together they raised seven children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pusich was known as a generous, hard-working man, who invested his time and resources to the benefit of the Douglas community; his contributions included community volunteer and business owner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pusich served for years as a Douglas city councilman; he was Fire Chief from 1936 until 1947, when he became the Mayor of Douglas, a position he filled until his death in 1953; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Mayor of the City of Douglas, Mr. Pusich traveled to Washington, D.C., at his own expense, to lobby Congress and secure funding for the relocation of the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Mines office and laboratory to Mayflower Island; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the causeway to the Bureau of Mines facility on Mayflower Island formed a natural breakwater, and the beginning of the Douglas Boat Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Mike Pusich is remembered as a man who provided decades of public service and vision to the community of Douglas; and

WHEREAS, at its October 2011 meeting, the Douglas Advisory Board recommended the Docks and Harbors Board rename the Douglas Harbor in honor of Douglas resident and Alaskan pioneer, Mike Pusich; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 29, 2012, the Docks and Harbors Board unanimously approved renaming the Douglas Harbor to the "Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor."

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

Section 1. The Douglas Harbor shall be renamed the "Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor."

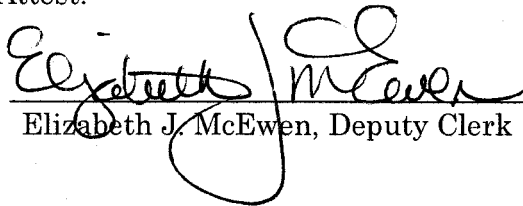
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 23rd day of April, 2012.



Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Deputy Clerk