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## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2642

### **A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the Use of Municipal Property Between Centennial Hall and the Juneau Arts and Culture Center for the Willoughby Arts Complex, to be Developed by the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council and Perseverance Theatre.**

WHEREAS, Juneau is considered by many to be the cultural capital of Alaska, and the Willoughby Arts Complex (WAC) in downtown Juneau is intended to anchor and serve as the focus for the creative spirit alive throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the boards of directors of the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council (JAHC) and Perseverance Theatre (PT) have agreed to work together to design, fund, construct, and operate the WAC, a jointly-owned, state-of-the-art facility which will house both PT and JAHC operations, and provide performance and gallery space for all of Juneau's arts and cultural community to share; and

WHEREAS, the proposed WAC building would be an addition and alteration to the existing Juneau Arts and Culture Center (JACC) in the Willoughby District; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau community has long been working toward the goal of a downtown arts facility, and the City and Borough envisioned such a facility in its 'Willoughby District Land Plan'; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Serial No. 2012-32, adopted by the Assembly on August 13, 2012, and approved at the October 2, 2012 regular municipal election, allocated a portion of the 1% temporary sales tax for the design, permitting, and construction of the Juneau Arts and Culture Center facility expansion; and

WHEREAS, construction, design, furnishings, and equipment costs for the WAC project, based on preliminary conceptual drawings, are estimated to be \$15 - 22 million; and

WHEREAS, the JAHC and PT are requesting that the City and Borough commit to a lease of the site of municipal land that will allow both the JAHC and PT to seek funding for the design, permitting, and construction of the Willoughby Arts Complex project; and

WHEREAS, the Perseverance Theatre facility located in Douglas was designed in the early 1980s with a 20-year anticipated life span, it has far outlived its original anticipated life span; and with PT's evolving operations it is no longer adequate for present and future needs; and

WHEREAS, as both the JAHC and the PT explored options to achieve their respective arts facility goals, the idea of joining together to build a single building, owned by JAHC and PT and built on leased City and Borough land, became the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, a critical early step is for the City and Borough to commit the site for the project so that fund-raising may begin for design work and subsequent construction funding; and

WHEREAS, both PT and JAHC have built strong relationships with private foundations, individuals, and the State of Alaska, who are all likely investors in this project.


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

**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau hereby expresses its support for the Willoughby Arts Complex project, and expresses its intent to enter into a long-term lease of municipal property for the site of the Willoughby Arts Complex and parking area, as generally depicted in Exhibit A.

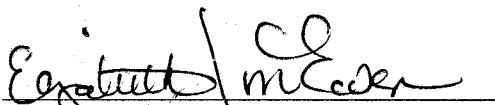
**Section 2.** It is further the intent of the Assembly that JAHC and PT may rely on this resolution until either a long-term lease is entered into consistent with this resolution, or five years from the resolution's adoption has elapsed, whichever occurs sooner.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013.

  
Merrill Sanford, Mayor

Attest:

  
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Acting Clerk