

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

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### **A Resolution Authorizing the Installation of a Large Elizabeth Peratrovich Mural and a Small Abstract Mural on the Exterior of the Marine Parking Garage and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sealaska Heritage Institute for the Painting, Installation, and Maintenance of the Murals.**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich – whose Tlingit name is Kaaxgal.aat, a member of the Lukaax.ádi clan of the Raven moiety – was born on July 4, 1911, in Petersburg, Alaska, during a time of extensive segregation in the territory; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich lived in various small Southeast Alaska communities during her childhood, eventually settling in Juneau in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich was a civil rights activist and Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich was instrumental in the passage of the historic Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945 (Territory of Alaska H.B. 14 (1945)); and

WHEREAS, in partnership with funding from the Rasmuson Foundation, Sealaska Heritage Institute has proposed a mural of Elizabeth Peratrovich on the South side of the Marine Parking Garage; and

WHEREAS, the mural will be designed and painted by Juneau artist Crystal Rose Demientieff Worl, Deg Hit'an Athabascan from Fairbanks on her mother's side and of the sockeye Clan of the Raven moiety and a child of a Thunderbird from the Chilkat region in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Worl has secured the majority of the funding for the project through a Rasmuson individual artist grant and will be providing approximately two-thirds of her time on the project in-kind; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the large mural, a smaller abstract piece will be installed at the entrance of the Marine Parking Garage as a trial case to test the surface and medium; and

WHEREAS, a plaque will be installed near the murals telling the story of Elizabeth Peratrovich and the inspiration for the art; and

WHEREAS, this proposed public art 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 mural will also support the Plan's goal of revitalizing Downtown Juneau by transforming a blank concrete wall into a space to celebrate inspirational arts; and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Peratrovich mural supports the Comprehensive Plan's objective to preserve and protect the unique culture of Juneau's Native People and promote responsible heritage tourism that accurately represents Juneau's unique history.

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 the Elizabeth Peratrovich mural on the South side of the Marine Parking Garage.

**Section 2.** That the Assembly hereby authorizes the installation of a smaller abstract mural on the entrance to the Marine Parking Garage.

**Section 3.** That the Assembly hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sealaska Heritage Institute for the painting, installation, and maintenance of the murals.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk