Presented by: The Manager
Presented: 06/09/2025
Drafted by: Law Department

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 4016

A Resolution Authorizing the Manager to Acquire the Property with the Legal Description of Juneau Island, U.S. Survey 3844; Lot 1, U.S. Survey 13967; Lot 2, U.S. Survey 13967 by Donation to the City and Borough of Juneau from the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management.

WHEREAS, CBJC 53.04.030 provides for the acquisition of real property that is offered to the City and Borough as a gift upon approval of the Assembly by resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Law 104-134, the Secretary is authorized to convey property and facilities to the City and Borough of Juneau ("CBJ") without reimbursement, title, and all interest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the area described contains 5.45 acres, according to the official plat of survey of the said land on file in the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"); and

WHEREAS, the Douglas Indian Association ("DIA") became the federally-recognized Tlingit tribe of the Juneau and Douglas area in 1934; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Assembly Goals for Community, Wellness, and Public Safety includes Goal E: "Support Douglas Indian Association's efforts to acquire Mayflower Island"; and

WHEREAS, for a number of years, the Department of the Interior, BLM, DIA, and CBJ discussed the process by which the BLM can dispose of the property known as "Mayflower Island" to the DIA, taking into consideration the federal limitation that BLM only has the authority to transfer ownership of the Island to the CBJ; and

WHEREAS, the Lands, Housing and Economic Development Committee reviewed this request at the May 5, 2025, meeting and passed a motion of support to draft a resolution to forward to the full Assembly for public hearing, accepting this property from BLM with the intention of disposing of it to DIA for less than fair market value; and

WHEREAS, Mayflower Island across from the Douglas Indian Village was a traditional subsistence site which yielded a once healthy herring run and spawn for Tribal inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the DIA has shared during Government-to-Government consultation with the BLM and CBJ in 2023 that Mayflower Island is a significant part of its cultural heritage on Douglas Island and that the island is historically the site of culturally important spiritual practices, which are sensitive and culturally proprietary to their tribe; and

WHEREAS, there is a communications tower on the property which will be conveyed to the CBJ with the property that the CBJ will retain ownership of in perpetuity.

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

Section 1. Authorization. The Manager is authorized to accept Juneau Island by donation, as generally shown in Exhibit A. Ownership is to be further transferred to the Douglas Island Association in accordance with CBJC 53.09.200, 53.09.260, and 53.09.270.

Section 2. Terms and Conditions. The Manager may include other terms and conditions deemed in the public interest.

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

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2025.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Municipal Clerk