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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2833

A Resolution Celebrating the Installation of Bronze House Posts and Juneau's Multi-Cultural History and Naming of Heritage Square.

WHEREAS, the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people were the first inhabitants of Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Tlingit people were instrumental in the founding of the city of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Front Street and Seward Street is bounded on its northwest corner by the Sealaska Corporation's building; and

WHEREAS, the Sealaska Corporation is the regional Alaska Native corporation for Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Front Street and Seward Street is bounded on its northeast corner by the Walter Soboleff Building, home to the Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI); and

WHEREAS, the Sealaska Heritage Institute is a private, nonprofit organization, founded in 1980 to perpetuate and enhance Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian cultures of Southeast Alaska. Its goal is to promote cultural diversity and cross-cultural understanding through public services and events. The Sealaska Heritage Institute also conducts social, scientific and public policy research that promotes Alaska Native arts, cultures, history, and education statewide. The Institute is governed by a Board of Trustees and guided by a Council of Traditional Scholars, a Native Artist Committee, and a Southeast Regional Language Committee; and

WHEREAS, SHI recently permanently installed three bronze house posts created by Tlingit artist Stephen Jackson, Haida artist TJ Young, and Tsimshian artist David R. Boxley on the corner of Front and Seward Streets in August, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the house posts, crafted by emerging master artists, were carved in the traditional material of wood and then cast in a contemporary material (bronze). They demonstrate that the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian cultures and art are alive, thriving, and evolving through younger generations; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Front and Seward Streets represents the symbolic center of Juneau's cultural, historical and economic fabric, located near the Capitol, the Sealaska Corporation and Heritage Institute, City Hall, the downtown business district and the cruise ship docks and is on Juneau's original shoreline.

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

Section 1. The intersection of Seward Street and Front Street in downtown Juneau shall henceforth and forever be known as "Heritage Square" in honor of the many economic, civic, and cultural contributions of all people in Juneau.

Section 2. The City Manager shall provide appropriate signs to mark the location of Heritage Square, and shall ensure that CBJ maps and other printed materials note its existence to the same extent as they note similar features.

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

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk