

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
2 Introduced: 11/12/2020
3 Adopted: 11/12/2020
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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 47
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9 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ARTIFACTS FROM THE
10 PIONEER PARK NATIVE MUSEUM TO THE MORRIS THOMPSON CENTER, THE
11 UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
12 ORGANIZATIONS
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14 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) owns a parcel of
15 land described as Pioneer Park, within GL-12, Section 9, T.1S., R.1W., F.M. and that
16 portion of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 9, T.1S., R.1W., F.M.; and
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18 WHEREAS, In 2005 a Pioneer Park Master Plan was created to guide the
19 growth of the park, the focus of which is on the heritage, history, and culture of the
20 Fairbanks and interior Alaska area; and
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22 WHEREAS, Building 35, the “Native Village and Museum,” has never been
23 well attended, and needs upgrade and revitalization as an attraction; and
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25 WHEREAS, The Borough Assembly resolved to lease Building 35, the
26 “Native Village and Museum,” to The Folk School; and
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28 WHEREAS, Pioneer Park management and the Mayor’s Office has worked
29 with members of the community to transfer ownership for artifacts of unknown
30 provenance in the former Native Village and Museum that would allow them to be
31 preserved, and available for increased community exposure; and
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33 WHEREAS, The Borough has complied with and exceeded the procedures
34 for gaining title to undocumented museum property specified in AS 14.57.200 –
35 14.57.290 by informing local and state Alaska Native organizations and communities
36 about these artifacts, creating a website with photographs of the artifacts for public
37 examination, allowing local media to report on the process, and posting information in
38 the media with access to learn more about the artifacts; and
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40 WHEREAS, The Morris Thompson Center, the Mayor’s Office, and the
41 University of Alaska Museum of the North have worked to separate the artifacts in a
42 way that they would receive that increased exposure and transfer of ownership to these
43 entities will ensure they are preserved, all of which has been determined by the chief
procurement officer to be in the best interests of the public; and

44 WHEREAS, The estimated value of these artifacts exceeds \$1,000.

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46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the Fairbanks
47 North Star Borough:

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49 Section 1. Transfer of Ownership of Artifacts. The Assembly hereby
50 approves the transfer of ownership of the Pioneer Park Native Museum artifacts to the
51 following entities, subject to the reclamation rights specified in AS 14.57.220, as more
52 fully set forth in Attachment A:

- 53 1. The Morris Thompson Center;
54 2. University of Alaska Museum of the North; or
55 3. Other government, quasi government unit, or charitable, civic, or non-
56 profit organization.

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58 Section 2. Authorization. The chief procurement officer is hereby
59 authorized to take all actions necessary to enter into an agreement to transfer
60 ownership of the artifacts from Building 35, the "Native Village and Museum," as set
61 forth in Section 1.

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63 ADOPTED THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

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Mindy O'Neall
Deputy Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Cooper, Lyke, Sanford, Lojewski, Williams, Tomaszewski, Cash, Wilson, O'Neall
Noes: None