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TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council

FROM: Delilah A. Walsh, City Manager

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DATE: May 28, 2024

File #: MGR24-367

RE: Resolution № 24-2927: A Resolution of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska Supporting the Use of Authentic Native Alaskan Art at Private Businesses for Their Displays and Decorations; and Establishing an Effective Date

During the regular meeting of May 16, 2024, following a discussion of the regulation of Native-inspired art and objects at private businesses within the City of Ketchikan, it was the consensus of the Council to have Councilor Janalee Gage craft a new resolution, to be reviewed by the attorney, and be brought back to the Council for consideration.

Following a discussion with Councilor Gage, attached for Council consideration is Resolution 24-2927, which is a reiteration of the sample resolution presented to Council on May 16th with the edits suggested by Sealaska Heritage Institute President Rosita Kaaháni Worl.

If adopted, Resolution № 24-2925 states the Council's support of the use of only authentic Alaska Native art in displays and decorations, commits to working with Native tribes and organizations, and directs the City Clerk to distribute the resolution to relevant stakeholders.

Councilor Gage has met with tribal leaders and in addition to this resolution, she is requesting Council consideration for the development of an ordinance. That request will be included as a discussion item at the meeting of June 6, 2024.

A motion has been prepared for Council consideration.

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council approve Resolution № 24-2927 supporting the use of authentic Native Alaskan art at private businesses for their displays and decorations; and establishing an effective date.

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2927

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE USE OF AUTHENTIC NATIVE ALASKAN ART AT PRIVATE BUSINESSES FOR THEIR DISPLAYS AND DECORATIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan recognizes the rich artistic heritage of Northwest Coast Art forms, all Alaska Native Arts and cultures; and

WHEREAS, authentic Alaska Native art contributes significantly to the cultural vibrancy and economic well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to support the continued creation and appreciation of authentic Alaska Native art;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1:

1. Recognizes the irreparable damage that inauthentic and non-genuine Northwest Coast Art and other Alaska Native products, art, displays, sales and branding causes to Alaska Native peoples, the public, and the City.
2. Supports the use of only authentic Northwest Coast Art and all Alaska Native art in displays, sale and decorations within the City limits and that the use of Alaska Native art in displays, sale, and decorations be for genuine purposes.
3. Supports educational programs and partnerships with Alaska Native tribes and organizations that inform businesses and the public about the value and significance of authentic Northwest Coast Art and Alaska Native art.
4. Acknowledges the positive impact of authentic Northwest Coast Art and all Alaska Native art on tourism, cultural exchange, and the preservation of traditional artistic practices.
5. Commits to working collaboratively with Alaska Native tribes and Native organizations, and SeaAlaska to support efforts to educate, teach, and promote authentic Alaska Native art through the Totem Heritage Center's Native Arts Studies Program.

Section 2: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Section 3: The City Clerk shall distribute copies of this resolution to all relevant stakeholders, including:

- Local Chambers of Commerce and Business Associations
- Alaska Native Tribes and Organizations
- Tourism and Hospitality Industry Representatives

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2024.

David Kiffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanker, City Clerk