

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIONEERS OF ALASKA IGLOOS No. 6

A resolution in support of the City and Borough of Juneau assuming ownership and maintenance responsibility for historic Douglas graveyards.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Pioneers of Alaska is, "To preserve the names of all Alaska's pioneers on its rolls; to collect and preserve the literature and incidents of Alaska's history; and to promote the best interests of Alaska;"

WHEREAS, Approximately nine Douglas historic cemeteries are in a desperate state of disrepair;

WHEREAS, Douglas cemeteries host the deceased of Douglas and Treadwell, including Alaska Native men and women, early residents, and veterans of the United States Military;

WHEREAS, Our cemeteries represent the diversity that we value in creating the City and Borough of Juneau that we cherish today;

WHEREAS, The entities engaged in this issue are the modern-day embodiment of that critical diversity;

WHEREAS, Community well-being depends on a unflinching and gracious understanding of history;

WHEREAS, Juneau and Douglas unified in 1970;

WHEREAS, Juneau's Evergreen Cemetery provides precedent for year-round maintenance and historic documentation of the interred;

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau's Lands Division has limited staff (two) for vitally important land management issues;

Therefore, be it resolved on this date:

Section 1: Ownership. The Pioneers of Alaska Juneau Igloos No. 6 support the City and Borough of Juneau prioritizing resolution of outstanding ownership issues and assuming ownership of the historic Douglas Cemeteries.

Section 2: Stewardship. The Pioneers of Alaska Juneau Igloos No. 6 support the City and Borough of Juneau developing a maintenance and repair master plan, and coordinating the efforts of multiple volunteer agencies.



Section 4: Effective date. This resolution should be effective immediately. Signed:

Brad Austin, President, Men's Igloo Date 11/17/2023

