

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2025-039**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,
AUTHORIZING THE GIFT OF THE WOODEN WHALE SCULPTURE TO HUNA
TOTEM CORPORATION FOR INDOOR DISPLAY IN THE WHITTIER CRUISE
TERMINAL**

WHEREAS, a large wooden whale sculpture was gifted to the City of Whittier many years ago by Robert Dilly, as a piece of public art intended for indoor display; and

WHEREAS, the sculpture has been safely stored by the City in the Public Works facility mezzanine but has not been on public display due to the lack of suitable indoor space in the City's current facilities; and

WHEREAS, exposure to outdoor conditions would accelerate deterioration of the wooden structure, which is already showing signs of age and wear; and

WHEREAS, Huna Totem Corporation has expressed interest in receiving the sculpture for placement within the Glacier Creek Cruise Terminal, providing an indoor environment appropriate for its preservation and enabling residents and visitors to enjoy the artwork; and

WHEREAS, under Whittier Municipal Code § 3.36.410(A)(5) and (B), personal property valued at less than \$25,000 and no longer needed for municipal purposes may be disposed of by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the wooden whale sculpture is no longer required for municipal purposes and that gifting it to Huna Totem Corporation serves a public and cultural benefit by preserving a long-held piece of community heritage and enhancing public art within Whittier.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. Pursuant to WMC § 3.36.410(A)(5) and (B), the wooden whale sculpture currently in the custody of the City of Whittier is hereby declared surplus to municipal needs and authorized for donation to Huna Totem Corporation.

Section 2. The sculpture shall be gifted as-is, with transfer of ownership to Huna Totem Corporation for the purpose of indoor display at the Glacier Creek Cruise Terminal.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute the Gift and Transfer Agreement and any related instruments necessary to complete the transfer, as provided under WMC § 3.36.120.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council
on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Victor Shen
Mayor

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Shelby Carlson
City Clerk

(City Seal)