

SENATE RESOLUTION

8722

By Senators Liias, Carlyle, Pedersen, Keiser, Frockt, Nelson, Takko, and Van De Wege

1 WHEREAS, Nordic peoples emigrated to the Pacific Northwest for
2 the beauty of our landscape, which reminded them of the fjords and
3 forests of their native land; and

4 WHEREAS, After over 150,000 Nordic immigrants settled in the
5 Pacific Northwest between 1890 and 1910, Washington has one of the
6 highest populations of people of Nordic descent in the United States
7 and the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle has become the Scandinavian
8 culture capitol of the West; and

9 WHEREAS, Nordic Americans have had a huge influence on Washington
10 business and culture that continues to this day, such as the founding
11 of Swedish Hospital - the only hospital west of the Mississippi to
12 offer cancer care before 1932 - and the Nordstrom department store -
13 which has become the third largest retailer in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Nordic culture and history continues to be an integral
15 part of Washington life and the Nordic Heritage Museum is the premier
16 institution for learning about the impacts they have had on the
17 region; and

18 WHEREAS, The Nordic Heritage Museum has been serving Western
19 Washington from the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle since 1980, to,
20 "Honor the legacy of immigrants from the five Nordic countries:
21 Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden"; and

22 WHEREAS, The Nordic Heritage Museum seeks to, "Share Nordic
23 culture with people of all ages and backgrounds by exhibiting art and

1 objects, preserving collections, providing educational and
2 cultural experiences, and serving as a community gathering
3 place"; and

4 WHEREAS, The Nordic Heritage Museum houses 77,000 items in
5 their permanent collection and has rotating exhibits
6 highlighting different areas of Scandinavian culture, new and
7 old, and the progress that they have made for all Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, The focus on Nordic folk art, textiles, and crafted
9 items shows a methodical and hardworking people who are in touch
10 with their distinctive roots; and

11 WHEREAS, The Nordic Heritage Museum uses many Nordic design
12 aesthetics and concepts to integrate Nordic sensibility and
13 ideals, like environmental sustainability, while also building
14 expanded exhibition and educational spaces to better serve the
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, The Nordic Heritage Museum reopens in their new
17 location and building on May 5, 2018, to celebrate and honor the
18 contributions Nordic peoples have made to American culture;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize
20 and honor the opening of the new Nordic Heritage Museum.

21 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
22 do hereby certify that this is a true and
23 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8722,
24 adopted by the Senate
25 February 26, 2018

26 BRAD HENDRICKSON
27 Secretary of the Senate