

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2857

AN ACT

To designate the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington, as the “National Nordic Museum”, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Nordic Mu-
3 seum Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington,
7 is the only museum in the United States dedicated
8 to Nordic history, culture, and art;

9 (2) Nordic people have long contributed to the
10 rich cultural heritage of the United States;

11 (3) the Nordic Museum serves as a unique and
12 valuable resource locally and nationally for expand-
13 ing knowledge relating to—

14 (A) Nordic heritage; and

15 (B) the impact Nordic heritage has had
16 throughout the United States;

17 (4) a new state-of-the-art facility was opened to
18 house the Nordic Museum on May 5, 2018, making
19 Nordic history, culture, and art even more engaging
20 and accessible to the public;

21 (5) to provide funds and exhibits for the new
22 Nordic Museum, numerous public and private enti-
23 ties and many private individuals partnered to-
24 gether, including—

25 (A) the State of Washington;

26 (B) King County, Washington;

1 (C) the Nordic Council, which is composed
2 of representatives from the national parliaments
3 of Nordic countries; and

4 (D) the national museums of Denmark,
5 Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden;

6 (6) the Nordic Museum is—

7 (A) a significant resource for preserving
8 and celebrating the history, culture, and art of
9 Nordic immigrants in the United States; and

10 (B) the only museum in the United States
11 that exists for the exclusive purpose of pre-
12 serving, interpreting, and providing education
13 about Nordic culture and heritage; and

14 (7) the Nordic Museum promotes valuable
15 international relations between the United States
16 and the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Ice-
17 land, Norway, and Sweden.

18 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL NORDIC MUSEUM.**

19 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Nordic Museum located at
20 2655 N.W. Market Street, Seattle, Washington, is des-
21 ignated as the “National Nordic Museum”.

22 (b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The museum designated by
24 subsection (a) is not a unit of the National Park
25 System.

1 (2) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—The designation
2 of the museum by subsection (a) shall not require
3 Federal funds to be expended for any purpose re-
4 lated to the museum.

Passed the Senate June 6, 2018.

Attest:

Secretary.

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