

Calendar No. 433115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 2857**

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2018

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

MAY 23, 2018

Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Nordic Mu-
5 seum Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Nordic Museum in Seattle, Washington,
4 is the only museum in the United States dedicated
5 to Nordic history, culture, and art;

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

8 (3) the Nordic Museum serves as a unique and
9 valuable resource locally and nationally for expand-
10 ing knowledge relating to—

11 (A) Nordic heritage; and

12 (B) the impact Nordic heritage has had
13 throughout the United States;

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

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

22 (A) the State of Washington;

23 (B) King County, Washington;

24 (C) the Nordic Council, which is composed
25 of representatives from the national parliaments
26 of Nordic countries; and

1 (D) the national museums of Denmark,
2 Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden;

3 (6) the Nordic Museum is—

4 (A) a significant resource for preserving
5 and celebrating the history, culture, and art of
6 Nordic immigrants in the United States; and

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

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

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

16 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Nordic Museum located at
17 2655 N.W. Market Street, Seattle, Washington, is des-
18 ignated as the “National Nordic Museum”.

19 (b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The museum designated by
21 subsection (a) is not a unit of the National Park
22 System.

23 (2) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—The designation
24 of the museum by subsection (a) shall not require

- 1 Federal funds to be expended for any purpose re-
- 2 lated to the museum.

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