

**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR INTERPRETIVE SIGNS AS SIGNED BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER AND SUBMITTED TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE.

**AGENDA OF:** November 21, 2023

**Assembly Action:** Approved under the consent agenda 11/21/23 - BJH

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	<div>10/17/2023</div> <div>X Kim Sollie n</div> <div>Signed by: Kim Sollie n</div>
Department Director	<div>10/19/2023</div> <div>X Alex S traw n</div> <div>Signed by: Alex</div>
Finance Director	<div>10/23/2023</div> <div>X Cheyenne Heindel</div> <div>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</div>
Borough Attorney	<div>10/23/2023</div> <div>X Nicholas Spiropoulos</div> <div>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</div>
Borough Manager	<div>10/23/2023</div> <div>X Michael Brown</div> <div>Signed by: Michael Brown</div>
Borough Clerk	<div>11/1/2023</div> <div>X Brenda J. Henry for</div> <div>Signed by: Brenda Henry</div>

**ATTACHMENT (S):** Resolution Serial No. 23-116 (2 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** This resolution is in support of the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant application for interpretive signs as signed by the Borough Manager and submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office, by the grant application deadline of October 13, 2023.

This project proposes the design and installation of between three and five interpretive signs at National Register sites around the Mat-Su Borough, to be selected as a part of the funded project. The project was requested by the local Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) at their quarterly meeting on August 10th.

Interpretive signs are a cost-effective, semi-permanent way of

educating local residents and tourists about the significance of a historic site. Signs are especially valuable at sites which are unlikely to have dedicated full-time staff available as guides, which describes the majority of historic sites located within the Mat-Su Borough.

This project is significant to the local residents because it provides education about the significance of historical sites. That type of information can be hard to find elsewhere, particularly for those who moved to the region as adults and did not receive any formal education about local history. The design of new signs will also provide an opportunity to share up-to-date information and interpretations and to correct outdated theories and incorrect 'folk histories' in the public consciousness. A more informed public is likely to feel a greater sense of ownership and stewardship for the sites. Signs also provide amenities for tourists and may increase visitation to the historic sites.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Respectfully request approval.