

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2857

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2018

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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.

