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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

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

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

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

16 (A) Nordic heritage; and

17 (B) the impact Nordic heritage has had
18 throughout the United States;

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

23 (5) to provide funds and exhibits for the new
24 Nordic Museum, numerous public and private enti-

1 ties and many private individuals partnered to-
2 gether, including—

3 (A) the State of Washington;

4 (B) King County, Washington;

5 (C) the Nordic Council, which is composed
6 of representatives from the national parliaments
7 of Nordic countries; and

8 (D) the national museums of Denmark,
9 Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden;

10 (6) the Nordic Museum is—

11 (A) a significant resource for preserving
12 and celebrating the history, culture, and art of
13 Nordic immigrants in the United States; and

14 (B) the only museum in the United States
15 that exists for the exclusive purpose of pre-
16 serving, interpreting, and providing education
17 about Nordic culture and heritage; and

18 (7) the Nordic Museum promotes valuable
19 international relations between the United States
20 and the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Ice-
21 land, Norway, and Sweden.

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

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Nordic Museum located at
24 2655 N.W. Market Street, Seattle, Washington, is des-
25 ignated as the “National Nordic Museum”.

1 (b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The museum designated by
3 subsection (a) is not a unit of the National Park
4 System.

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