



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of Alaskan Way between Dearborn and Pine Streets, and Elliott Way between Pine and Bell Street as “Dzidzilalich.”

WHEREAS, Indigenous people of the lands now known as the Americas have cultivated and stewarded these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, the Coast Salish peoples, including Chief Sealth (Seattle), governed the Salish Sea (Puget Sound) region; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle, including its central waterfront, is built upon the homelands and places of historical and cultural importance to the Indigenous and first peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, prior to settlement, the waterfront was a center of tribal life on the Salish Sea - a summer fishing village, and center for trade - a “crossing over place” - between different geographies and tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, City Council, and the Seattle Design Commission have all recognized the need for the City to acknowledge and elevate the region’s tribal history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects has actively engaged with the region’s Tribes and Native communities through hosting tribal roundtables; visiting the Suquamish, Muckleshoot, Stillaguamish and Tulalip reservations; and joining or hosting events at Native American cultural centers and service organizations, including the Daybreak Star Cultural Center and Chief Seattle Club to determine the best opportunities to center tribal history and culture into the Waterfront project

WHEREAS, as part of this effort to acknowledge and recognize tribal history and culture, and after consulting

with the region's Tribes and Native communities on place naming opportunities, the City would like to add the honorary street name "Dzidzilalich," - the name by which the waterfront was known to the Coast Salish people that would roughly translate to the English "Little crossing over place" - to Alaskan Way along Seattle's renewed Waterfront; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR
CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. Alaskan Way between Dearborn and Pine Street, and Elliott Way between Pine and Bell Street, shall have an honorary designation as "Dzidzilalich."

Section 2. The Council requests that the Office of the Waterfront and Civic Projects and Seattle Department of Transportation manufacture, install, and maintain honorary signs along Alaskan Way, which shall reflect the "Dzidzilalich" honorary designation.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2023, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

(Seal)