Resolution of the City of Holyoke

A resolution by the City of Holyoke to create a state-authorized cultural district to be named the Puerto Rican Cultural District.

WHEREAS, the City of Holyoke wishes to pursue a state-authorized cultural district through the enabling legislation (M.G.L. Part I, Title II, Chapter 10, Section 58A.)

WHEREAS, the City of Holyoke has a mixed-use geographical area that has a concentration of cultural facilities and assets.

WHEREAS, the City of Holyoke has held a public hearing proclaiming its interest in establishing a state-designated cultural district.

WHEREAS, the City of Holyoke has created a broad and diverse partnership of stakeholders committed to cultural, community and economic development to provide oversight of the district.

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Cultural Council will be petitioned in accordance with its guidelines and criteria to designate said cultural district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City of Holyoke:

Article 1. Endorses the submission of this application and agrees to foster the development of a cultural district.

Article 2. Endorses the state-sponsored cultural district goals: attracting artists and cultural enterprises, encouraging business and job development, establishing tourist destinations, preserving and reusing historic buildings, enhancing property values and fostering local cultural development.

Article 3. The Mayor of the City of Holyoke will appoint a City official to represent the City within the district partnership of said cultural district.

Article 4. Encourages all whom own property or businesses within said cultural district to involve themselves and participate in the full development of the cultural district.

Article 5. Directs City agencies to identify programs and services that could support and enhance the development of the cultural district and ensure that those programs and services are accessible to the cultural district.

ADOPTED ON THIS DAY OF _____ OF _____ (year)_____

City Council President signature _____

Date signed _____