



## **Resolution Authorizing the Upper Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance as a Local Arts Agency to Operate in Cooperation with the City and to Receive and Subgrant Funds from the National Endowment for the Arts**

**WHEREAS**, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) recognizes local arts agencies (LAAs) as crucial partners in fostering the development, accessibility, and participation in the arts at the community level; and

**WHEREAS**, local arts agencies are eligible to receive NEA funds for the purpose of regranting (sub-granting) to artists, arts organizations, and cultural initiatives that align with NEA goals and priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance is a regional arts service organization composed of arts and culture leaders, municipalities, and organizations from across Michigan's Upper Peninsula, with a mission to strengthen and connect the arts and culture sector and to increase public access to arts programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance has demonstrated the capacity, expertise, and organizational infrastructure necessary to equitably and fairly administer arts-related funding programs and to advance cultural development in alignment with local priorities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marquette City Commission hereby authorizes:

1. **Designation of Local Arts Agency**

The Upper Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance is hereby designated as a Local Arts Agency and empowered to work with the City of Marquette for the purposes of planning, developing, promoting, and supporting arts and cultural activities.

2. **Authority to Subgrant**

The Upper Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance is hereby authorized to apply for and receive funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and other federal, state, and private sources, and to administer said funds to entities in Marquette through a sub-granting process in accordance with applicable laws, guidelines, and best practices.

**3. Coordination and Accountability**

The Upper Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance shall coordinate directly with the City of Marquette's Office of Arts and Culture and with other local arts agencies on matters of public interest related to its grantmaking and arts development activities and shall provide periodic reports to the City Commission detailing programmatic outcomes, financial reporting, and community impact.

**Vote**

Aye: \_\_\_\_\_

Nay: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Duly adopted by the Marquette City Commission on June 30, 2025.

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Jessica Hanley, Mayor

Certified to be a true copy on June 30, 2025.

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Kyle Whitney, City Clerk