

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOLIET AND THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC. -USS CHICAGO BASE FOR A MONUMENT AT BICENTENNIAL PARK

WHEREAS, During World War II, the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company fabricated 28 submarines. After the crews of the 28 submarines finished their training in Lake Michigan, the submarines passed through downtown Joliet as they covertly traveled from Lake Michigan down the Illinois Waterway system heading towards the Mississippi River as they made their way to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, The USS Chicago Base, which is the local chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc., seeks to erect a monument dedicated to the World War II Manitowoc submarine expedition adjacent to the Des Plaines River in Joliet; and

WHEREAS, the southeast side of Bicentennial Park, adjacent to the existing Veterans Memorial, was identified as an appropriate location for this monument due to its view of the Des Plaines River and proximity to the existing war memorial; and

WHEREAS, both the City and the USS Chicago Base believe that this historical monument will be in the best interest of the City and its residents and will encourage interest in naval and local history; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A" (the "MOU"), is intended to define the commitments of the City and USS Chicago Base in relation to the siting, installation and future maintenance of this monument; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet is a Home Rule Municipality under and by virtue of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, PURSUANT TO ITS HOME RULE AND STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Memorandum of Understanding City of Joliet and USS Chicago Base is hereby approved and entered into on this date.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby passed pursuant to the City of Joliet's home rule authority.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

SECTION 4: All resolutions or parts of Resolutions conflicting with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: Be it further resolved that the passage of this Resolution be inscribed permanently in the records of the proceedings of the Joliet City Council.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: _____

VOTING NO: _____

NOT VOTING: _____