

# City of Kake

"HOME OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST TOTEM POLE"

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## RESOLUTION NO 2018-11

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KAKE IN SUPPORT OF THE RENAMING OF SAGINAW BAY

WHEREAS, the City Council, is the duly elected governing body of the City of Kake, Alaska, and;

WHEREAS, the bay that is situated on the north coast of Kuiu Island in the Alexander Archipelago and is located across the Keku Strait from the City of Kake, is currently named Saginaw Bay, and;

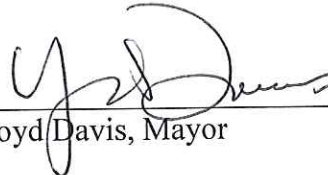
WHEREAS, the bay is currently named for the USS Saginaw, a Navy ship that bombed the village of Kake in 1869, destroying three villages and two forts, and leading to an unknown number of deaths by starvation that winter, and;

WHEREAS, the bay's current name is an affront to the local community of Tlingit people and a source of great discomfort for the authorities and residents of the City of Kake, and;

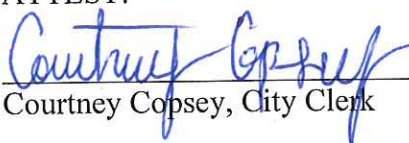
WHEREAS, the renaming of the bay would be a constructive step toward the healing of our region's historically oppressed peoples and celebrating Tlingit language and the first peoples of Southeast Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kake supports the renaming of Saginaw Bay to reflect the traditional Tlingit placename, Skanáx.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum vote of 4 with 4 yea's, 0 nays, and 0 abstaining this 7 day of December 2018.

  
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Lloyd Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Courtney Copsey, City Clerk

