Resolution Relating to

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Sponsor(s): Councilors Roof, Shannon, Deane
Introduced: _________________
Referred to: _________________
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Action: _____________________
Date: ____________________
Signed by Mayor: ____________

CITY OF BURLINGTON
In the year Two Thousand Eighteen ......................................................................................................
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018, the City Council adopted a Resolution to Appoint an Inclusive Task
Force to Seek Recommendations of the Future of the “Everyone Loves a Parade” Mural and Report
Recommendations to the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, Burlington is a diverse community that strives to be a welcoming place to live, work, and
visit; and

WHEREAS, many individuals came forward to express that they feel hurt by the omissions and
misrepresentations in the mural; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was directed to respect “the principles of public art, property rights, artist
rights, and limits on government power” as it reviewed and considered “a wide range of options that leads to a
more inclusive outcome, respects Burlington’s and Vermont’s diverse history, and educates our residents and
visitors;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this Resolution, the City Council with Mayor Presiding appointed a slate of
individuals recommended by a joint Council-Administration sub-committee to the seven-member Mural Task
Force on May 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mural Task Force delivered its Report to the City Council at its August 13, 2018
meeting, at which time the Council accepted the Report and placed it on file; and

WHEREAS, the City Council with Mayor Presiding recognizes and appreciates all seven members of
the “Everyone Loves a Parade Mural” Task Force for volunteering their time in serving the city in this
capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Mural Task Force Report enumerates 8 recommendations including that the Mural be
relocated to another location in the City of Burlington by August 29, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Burlington update its “Art in Public Places
Guidelines,” in accordance with recommendation #1 from the Report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council commits to supporting ongoing and inclusive
public art initiatives; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council respectfully requests that Burlington City Arts (BCA) report to the Parks, Arts, and Culture Committee by January 7, 2019 to address the following:

1) The update to the Art in Public Places Guidelines and Policies and how it incorporates best practices in commissioning public art, including art that reflects the different aspects of the cultural, racial, ethnic, and other diversity of Burlington and the involvement of people of color and diverse communities in public art review panels;

2) A review of BCA current fundraising demands, and opportunities for funding a replacement mural on Leahy Way;

3) A list of possible sites to which the “Everyone Loves A Parade” mural (ELAP) could be relocated and an analysis of those possible sites in light of this art commissioned by the city of Burlington Church Street Marketplace (CSMP) department and the community concerns that have been raised; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing placards next to ELAP are to be replaced with new placards that:

a. better identify all of the individuals in ELAP and their contributions to the community;

b. explain that ELAP is not a comprehensive representation of Burlington’s history from 1609 to 2009, but rather a whimsical representation and celebration of Church Street Marketplace with historical references;

c. appropriately credit all artists who were involved in the creation of ELAP;

d. acknowledge all donors and sponsors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council sets a goal of relocating the ELAP from its current location by August 29, 2022, per the Task Force recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council respectfully requests the Burlington City Attorney to send a letter on our behalf to the “Everyone Loves a Parade Mural” Artist Pierre Hardy with all City Council resolutions about the “Everyone Loves a Parade Mural” issue from our first action on January 29th, 2018, up to the present.