

RESOLUTION 2011-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA ASSEMBLY CALLING ON THE STATE OF ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD TO MAINTAIN THE CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA IN A SINGLE HOUSE DISTRICT

Whereas, the Alaska Constitution calls for the legislature to be comprised of twenty senate members and forty house members from districts drawn based on the decennial census, conforming to the "one person – one vote" standard; and

Whereas, the 2010 census is now complete and the legislative districts will be drawn by the Alaska Redistricting Board; and

Whereas, the Alaska Constitution imposes a number of requirements on redistricting plans for both the house and senate seats; and

Whereas, three of those requirements are: 1. Districts should contain a relatively integrated socioeconomic area, 2. Consideration should be given to local government boundaries, and 3. Consideration should be given to drainage and geographic features wherever possible; and

Whereas, the City & Borough of Sitka has for at least three decades been included in a single house district; and

Whereas, socio-economic interests of the City & Borough of Sitka are relatively unique in the region (with small vessel fishing, health care and education being substantial components of the local economy); and

Whereas, since no other communities within a relatively contiguous and compact area share the precise socio-economic interests of the City & Borough of Sitka, preservation of the entirety of the City & Borough of Sitka within a single house district is the best method of insuring that the community's socio-economic interests receive adequate legislative representation; and

Whereas, placement of portions of the City & Borough of Sitka in differing house districts would represent a failure to consider local government boundaries in coming to a redistricting decision; and

Whereas, the populated portions of the City & Borough of Sitka are all located on a single island and placement of portions of the City & Borough of Sitka in differing house districts would represent a failure to consider pertinent geographic features;

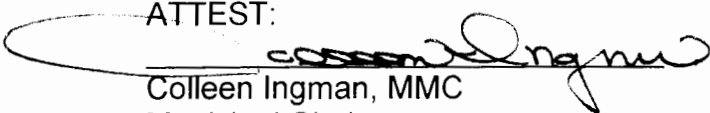
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City & Borough of Sitka Assembly does hereby call on the State of Alaska Redistricting Board to devise a redistricting plan that maintains the City & Borough of Sitka within a single house district in order to

preserve its "relatively integrated socio-economic" integrity and respect its local government boundaries and pertinent geographic features.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the City & Borough of Sitka Assembly on this 12th day of April, 2011.


Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk