

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA,
SUPPORTING PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND AUTOMATIC VOTER
REGISTRATION – AN ACT ALLOWING QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO REGISTER
TO VOTE WHEN APPLYING FOR A PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND**

WHEREAS, every eligible Alaskan citizen, regardless of political affiliation, race, color, creed, sex, or national origin, has a fundamental right to vote; and

WHEREAS, rural communities, military families, and individuals who move frequently do not have adequate online and physical access to accurate voter registration processes; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of Alaskan residents apply for the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) annually, and 83% of PFD applicants file online through electronic processing; and

WHEREAS, "PFD Automatic Voter Registration" has been proposed for the General Election ballot of 2016 to allow simultaneous voter registration when an eligible citizen applies for the yearly Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD); and

WHEREAS, the Division of Elections estimates that approximately 70,000 eligible Alaska citizens could become new, registered voters within the first year of passage; and

WHEREAS, the PFD Division already utilizes comprehensive fraud detection analysis that would prevent voter registration fraud, rendering Alaska to have the most accurate voter database in the nation; and

WHEREAS, PFD Automatic Voter Registration would save money, as a PEW Foundation study demonstrated that processing electronic registrations cost ten times less than paper processing; and

WHEREAS, PFD Automatic Voter Registration would make government more efficient, reducing bureaucracy and paperwork by using the PFD's existing strict processing system; and

WHEREAS, PFD Automatic Voter Registration would regularly update addresses and register new eligible voters on an annual basis, making Alaska the highest rate of registered voters in the nation.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, that it supports the proposition of PFD Automatic Voter Registration as proposed on the General Election ballot of 2016.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 13th day of September, 2016.



Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Melissa Henshaw
Acting Municipal Clerk