

If these items are pulled from the Consent Agenda  
the following motion would be in order:

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

**I MOVE TO pass Resolution 2014-03 on first and  
final reading.**

This resolution was requested by:

"The mission of the SLFN is to increase the amount of locally produced and harvested foods in the diets of Southeast Alaskans."

President, Lisa Sadleir-Hart

Vice President, Michelle Putz

Secretary, Beth Kindig & Lauren Fetzer as alternate

Treasurer, Maybelle Filler

Board Members: Milt Fusselman, Charles Bingham, 2 vacant seats

And Sponsored by: Hunter/Miyasato

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING PERMANENT FUNDING OF THE ALASKA FARM TO SCHOOL AND NUTRITIONAL ALASKA FOODS PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS BY THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS, Alaska Farm to School Program** was introduced in 2010 by Representative Carl Gatto and the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** was funded as a pilot program in Fiscal Year 2013 and introduced by Senator Stoltze from Wasilla; and

**WHEREAS, Alaska Farm to School Program** promotes and encourages the use of Alaska Grown and harvested foods in the school lunch program and the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** gives every Alaska school the opportunity to purchase Alaskan Grown produce and seafood while also helping to catalyze Alaska food production; and

**WHEREAS, Alaska Farm to School** and the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** programs enable school districts to purchase healthy Alaska Grown produce and fish from Alaska waters. The Governor's proposed budget allocates funding for both of these critical programs in Fiscal Year 2015; and

**WHEREAS, both the Alaska Farm to School and the Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools** programs do much for our students, communities and state such as:

- Assists School Nutrition Directors in locating Alaska Grown and harvested products
- Increases the amount of foods grown and consumed in-state
- Creates local demand for Alaska produced and harvested foods
- Provides producers with in-state, large-scale, markets where they can begin to catalyze in-state food production
- Catalyzes state-wide food production, processing, and distribution networks to supply Alaska communities with locally produced Alaska foods
- Creates cash flow that allows producers to improve, grow, and expand food production and harvesting
- Promotes economic development, commerce and capital flows by substituting food that we would otherwise import with Alaska produced and harvested foods
- Supports local, regional, and state economies with jobs and money staying in Alaska

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska by this resolution supports the Governor's budget to continue allocating sufficient funding for both the **Alaska Farm to School** and the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** programs. The City and Borough of Sitka encourages the legislature to move even further during the upcoming legislative session to make these **multi-year** commitments. This will ensure Alaska is on a path to food security and is producing, harvesting, processing, selling, and consuming healthy, affordable, nutritional, and traditional food in the great State of Alaska; a win/win for our students and economy..

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**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka,  
Alaska on this 25th day of March, 2014.

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Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Colleen Ingman, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

**A resolution of the City and Borough of Sitka supporting multi-year funding of the state-funded program, Nutritional Alaska Foods in Schools, for school districts to provide healthy Alaska Grown produce and fish from Alaska waters to Alaska students.**

*Regarding the permanent funding of the Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools program in Alaska's state legislature.*

**BACKGROUND:**

- **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** was funded as a pilot program in Fiscal Year 2013 and introduced by Senator Stoltze.
- **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** was included in the Governor's budget for Fiscal Year 2014.
- **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** is administered in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community and Rural Affairs.
- **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** gives every Alaska school the opportunity to purchase Alaska Grown produce and seafood while also helping to catalyze Alaska food production.
- In its initial years, **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** provided a \$3 million dollar state-wide reimbursement fund for school districts to purchase healthy Alaska Grown produce and fish from Alaska waters.
- The Governor's proposed budget allocates \$3 million for **Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools** in Fiscal Year 2015.

**RATIONAL**

- WHEREAS agricultural and fisheries industries are critical to the state's economic future, and
- WHEREAS 63,000 Alaska citizens are directly employed by the Alaska seafood industry, with an annual labor income of \$1.7 billion in 2011, and
- WHEREAS the seafood industry with its multiplier effects, provided \$2.2 billion of labor income and \$6.8 billion in total economic output within the state of Alaska in 2011
- WHEREAS in 2007, the United States of Agriculture reported that residents of the state spent \$2,602,303,000 annually on food and estimated that less than five percent of the food consumed in the state is produced in the state, and
- WHEREAS increasing the amount consumers spend on Alaska foods would drive economic development in the state's agricultural and fisheries industries, and provide greater food security, and
- WHEREAS there is a disconnect between the foods served in schools and traditionally appropriate foods, and
- WHEREAS one out of every four Alaskans is obese and the rate of overweight and obese Alaskans is rising by one percent every year, and
- WHEREAS 53,447 Alaska students, on average, participate in the National School Lunch Program, and
- WHEREAS children in grades K-12 consume at least one meal at school, and

- WHEREAS children consume up to half of their daily nutrients and calories at school, and
- WHEREAS over 60% of students, on average (discounting minimum and maximum outliers), qualified for free and reduced lunches in 2013, and
- WHEREAS it is the responsibility of food service providers to offer healthy school meals, and
- WHEREAS improving the nutritional quality of school meals bolsters academic performance of students, and
- WHEREAS Alaska school districts do not have enough funding to purchase Alaska foods for school meal programs
- WHEREAS the Governor has made economic development and food security critical priorities for the state, and
- **WHEREAS Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools:**
  - Increases the amount of foods grown and consumed in-state
  - Creates local demand for Alaska produced foods
  - Provides producers with in-state, large-scale, markets where they can begin to catalyze in-state food production
  - Catalyzes state-wide food production, processing, and distribution networks to supply Alaska communities with locally produced Alaska foods
  - Creates cash flow that allows producers to improve, grow, and expand food production
  - Promotes economic development, commerce and capital flows by substituting food that we would otherwise import with Alaska produced foods
  - Supports local, regional, and state economies with jobs and money staying in Alaska
  - Supports a food system that is culturally, socially, environmentally, and economically appropriate for our state
  - Supports in-state family farmers rather than highly centralized, mono-crop production
  - Cultivates pride for Alaska agriculture and fish from Alaska waters by connecting producers with community and children
  - Creates an opportunity for youth to connect to locally produced foods, which cultivates the future generation of farmers, fishermen, processors, chefs, and industry workers
  - Provides food service and food producers the consistency necessary for advance planning and coordination of harvest to ensure supply meets demand
  - Increases consumer access to Alaska grown and harvested foods
  - Allows schools to purchase Alaska Grown and harvested foods that are fresher, healthier, less processed, and retain more nutrients
  - Reconnects Alaskans to healthy, culturally, and traditionally appropriate foods, and
  - Improves the quality of school meals
  - Improves student nutrition by replacing processed foods with Alaska grown produce and seafood
  - Creates regular exposure to Alaska foods, which can shape food preference and develop lifelong healthy habits.

BE IT RESOLVED that the **City and Borough of Sitka** supports the Governor's budget item allocating \$3 million to the Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools program. The City and Borough of Sitka encourages the legislature to move even further during the upcoming legislative session to make this *multi-year*. This will ensure Alaska is on a path to food security and is producing, processing, selling, and consuming healthy, affordable, nutritional, and traditional food in the great state of Alaska.

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