

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SITKA IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SET-ASIDE FUNDING IN THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION, CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is the central agency for the development of water-related infrastructure throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division includes Alaska, Hawaii, and the Pacific Island Territories all of which have economies highly dependent upon port infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Congress suspended use of congressionally-directed spending and now only funds projects identified through a scoring system which favors urban ports; and

WHEREAS, the rural coastal communities of the Pacific Ocean Division do not have the population to compete with urban ports, yet are highly dependent on waterborne commerce; and

WHEREAS, there could be a mechanism within the Energy & Water appropriations bill to recognize the unique circumstances of coastal rural communities of the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division; and


WHEREAS, projects in need of funding include breakwaters, wave barriers, dredging, mooring basins, and flood/erosion control; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka encourages Congress to amend the FY2012 Energy & Water appropriations bill and the FY2013 President's Budget Request to include an annual \$50M set-aside that the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division can prioritize and spend on projects necessary to sustain water infrastructure in small coastal communities of the region.

Passed and approved by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka on this 26th day of April 2011.


Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk