

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE 2008 LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (FOREST PLAN) TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE AND RELIABLE SOURCES OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR SITKA AND SOUTHEAST ALASKA.**

**WHEREAS**, the price of fuel oil in Sitka has tripled since 2002, continues to rise, and has potential harmful environmental effects to air and water quality, and;

**WHEREAS**, the health, vitality, strength, and future of our region relies upon reasonable cost, environmentally sound, renewable energy, and;

**WHEREAS**, within the Tongass National Forest (TNF) we are blessed with hundreds of renewable energy opportunities that will eliminate use of fossil fueled-generation, improve and protect our environment, and lead to economic sustainability for all, and;

**WHEREAS**, access to renewable energy resources and necessary utility corridors to deliver that energy is restricted and/or eliminated by the present Forest Plan, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Plan should be amended to implement a Renewable Energy Resource Development Plan and Land Use Designation (LUD) that will readily support the development of all forms of renewable energy and necessary utility corridors within the Tongass National Forest that will provide passage through all underlying LUD's whereby renewable resources could be developed, and;

**WHEREAS**, in the best interest of the TNF, the Chief of the Forest should re-delegate to the Forest Supervisor and District Rangers on the TNF the authority to make permitting decisions within their jurisdiction,

**WHEREAS**, without these necessary amendments to the Forest Plan, many communities must continue use of fossil-fueled energy with subsequent harm to our livelihoods, communities, and environment.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska by this resolution supports amendments to the U.S. Forest Service 2008 Land and Resource Management Plan to facilitate the development of adequate and reliable sources of renewable energy for Sitka and Southeast, Alaska.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 25th day of June, 2013.

  
Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Colleen Ingman, MMC  
Municipal Clerk