

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS) AUTHORIZING
THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE ALASKA ENERGYSHED
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the duly elected representatives (Assembly) of the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) are concerned for the well-being of future generations; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy and climate change are issues for which CBS has repeatedly demonstrated its concern; and

WHEREAS, Sitka's economic future and its ability to provide reasonable-cost renewable energy for the community is contingent upon a resilient electrical grid and generation system which continues to age; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly desires to show Launch Alaska, Alaska Municipal League, Southeast Conference, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), and other organizations involved in the Alaska Energysshed Project that CBS has a firm commitment to its stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, CBS is currently engaged in other renewable energy projects that can directly contribute to and benefit from the Alaska Energysshed Project which may amplify the positive impact of these projects for the community; and

WHEREAS, CBS seeks to identify the levels of service for its electrical infrastructure and identify the corresponding resources and funding needed to support these levels with the intent to minimize the need for rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Energysshed Project will provide CBS Electric Department valuable tools that can be used for inventorying and assessing the current state of Sitka's electrical grid which can be used to identify vulnerabilities and high-risk areas; and

WHEREAS, these tools can be continuously used to benefit Sitka and used to balance the benefits and costs of changes to the electric grid; and


WHEREAS, the Alaska Energysshed Project may result in financial support to address some deferred maintenance and capital project needs strategically; and

WHEREAS, CBS desires to continue its success by finding new partners to collaborate with; and

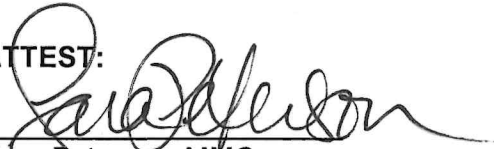
WHEREAS, the Alaska Energysshed Project is in alignment with the goals of CBS, with a focus on energy resiliency, renewable energy development, efficiency planning, grid analysis, short and long-term planning, and resource analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka hereby supports the project and authorizes the CBS Municipal Administrator to apply to participate in the Alaska Energysshed Program.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 23rd day of January 2024.



Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading: 1/23/24

Sponsor: Administrator