

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
RESOLUTION 2012-26

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING
STATE FUNDING FOR THE HAMES CENTER ROOF PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Hames Center, as part of the Sitka Fine Arts Campus, is Sitka's indoor health and recreation facility with over 40,000 visits since its opening Feb. 1, 2011, offering 78 hours of community access and over 26 classes each week; and

WHEREAS, The Hames Center fulfills a critical need in our community, providing Sitkans and visitors an indoor space, so critical in the SE Alaska environment, to pursue health, fun and fitness thereby improving their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Hames Center serves many non-profit organizations and children's services including; HEADSTART, Youth Advocates, SJ Daycare, Hanson House, Sitka Prevention and Treatment Services; Pacific High School, Blatchely Middle School, Sitka High School, the SEER School, and the Sitka Fine Arts Camp; and

WHEREAS, The Hames Center is a self sustaining non-profit health and fitness center that is supported solely by members, volunteers and contributions from many local individuals and dozens of businesses, with over 11, 000 hours of volunteer labor to date; and has created over a dozen full and part time jobs; and

WHEREAS, The Hames Center has more the 400 members and a thousand day users, with over 220 volunteer hours of service per week, creating a healthy environment in a Community Center truly for and by community; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Hames Center replace its leaking, 27-year-old roof, add insulation and repair past water damage in order to preserve the structure and allow continued improvements of the interior and exterior of the building,

WHEREAS, The Hames Center has already successfully completed phase one of its roof replacement with \$90,000 from donations, hundreds of volunteer hours, and membership monies; and is requesting a \$957,000 State capital grant to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka does hereby recognize the Hames Center's value to the community of Sitka and State of Alaska and supports Hames Center's request to the State for a \$957,000 capital grant.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 23rd day of October, 2012.

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC Municipal Clerk

Mim McConnell, Mayor