

Discussion/Direction/Decision

Sponsors: Swanson/Miyasato

Assembly members Swanson and Miyasato have requested that "CBS Donation for Philippines Disaster Relief" be added to Nov 26 Assembly agenda. The intent is to provide a donation to the Red Cross Society of the Philippines or a similar organization. This is in recognition of our Philippino community and the important contribution it makes to Sitka.

*OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City & Borough of Sitka*

Proclamation

Condolences and Support for our Sister Cities and Neighbors in Japan

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011 Japan's most powerful earthquake since records began struck the north-east coast, triggering a massive tsunami; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate the tsunami's velocity it then rolled across the Pacific at (500mph) - as fast as a jetliner - before hitting Hawaii and the US West Coast; and

WHEREAS, it has now been three months since the quake and tsunami struck our sister cities and neighboring cities in Japan; and

WHEREAS, as of May 15, 2011 over fifteen thousand bodies have been found and over 9,000 are still missing; and

WHEREAS, the grieving from the loss of these lives continues today and will continue well into the future and for many, forever; and

WHEREAS, still today homelessness and hunger remain a daily pervasive intrusion on the quality of life for thousands of Japanese; and

WHEREAS, may this tragedy serve as a reminder of what many Americans take for granted -- water to drink, food to eat, the clothes on our backs and the shelter above our heads; knowing that as in Japan that can all change in one unwritten moment of history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, I, Cheryl Westover, Mayor do hereby proclaim:

**June 14, 2011
as a Day of Remembrance
of the tragedies suffered
by the people of Japan**

and further urge all Sitkans to open their hearts and contribute whatever they can to assist Japan in feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those without, and helping to rebuild their communities and country.

Signed and sealed this 14th day of June, 2011.

Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk