

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA,
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO OBTAIN, OPERATE AND
MAINTAIN THE EXISTING REPLICA OF A RUSSIAN BLOCKHOUSE**

WHEREAS, the Sitka Blockhouse C is a modern replica of an old Russian fortification on the site described as USS 1473 US Reserve for Public Purposes containing .063 acres, with the Blockhouse denoted as USR Land Monument #1; and

WHEREAS, the original blockhouse on the site burned, was reconstructed in 1960-61, and was maintained under a MOU first issued July 28, 1970 between Bureau of Land Management (BLM), State of Alaska, National Park Service, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, St. Michael's Orthodox Church, City and Borough of Sitka (CBS), and Sitka Historical Society, with management authority passed back and forth over the years; and

WHEREAS, BLM wishes to transfer its ownership of Russian Blockhouse C to an appropriate municipal or non-profit organization to continue the long-term historical and recreational use of this property, and except for CBS, no local agencies or organizations are willing to take on future managerial responsibility for the site; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka is capable of taking over ownership and maintenance of the Blockhouse and .063 acres which constitute public lands and must be conveyed for recreational and public purposes and has received an Access Easement for the Russian Blockhouse and trail leading to it from the Orthodox Church; and

WHEREAS, BLM has completed upgrades of the Russian Blockhouse including reproofing and other improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska:

1. That the Assembly hereby authorizes the Municipal Administrator to submit an application to the Bureau of Land Management for transfer of ownership of the replica of the Russian Blockhouse C to City and Borough of Sitka.
2. That the Assembly states the Municipal Administrator is established as the agent for the City and Borough of Sitka for administration of this transfer of ownership.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 27th day of April, 2010.


Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC, Municipal Clerk