

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
City & Borough of Sitka

# Proclamation

## 2014 "The Year of the Sitka Artist"

- WHEREAS,** In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, Sitka became known as the "Paris of the Pacific", a cultural and political hub for Russian America, and today, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, continues to be a cultural hub with artists offering a wide range of styles including visual arts, music, sculpture, writing, poetry, drama, dance, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** Sitka boasts the renown Sitka Summer Music Festival, the Sitka Fine Arts Camp, noteworthy writers and artists and annual festivals; and
- WHEREAS,** The Greater Sitka Arts Council strives to represent all modes of artistic endeavors and supports the value of art as an economic engine as well as a meaningful contributor to our quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** The Greater Sitka Arts Council's vision is "Art is vital to a healthy vibrant community"; and
- WHEREAS,** The Greater Sitka Arts Council's mission is "To increase awareness of the value of arts in Sitka through education, advocacy, and programming"; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2014, the Greater Sitka Arts Council will coordinate a yearlong effort to develop a Sitka Artist registry that will invite all performing, literary, traditional, and visual artists living and working in the Sitka area to be part of the Sitka Artist Registry. This registry will serve the artists and the community as an important guide to the arts.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, does hereby proclaim 2014 as "The Year of the Sitka Artist" and encourages all Sitkans to take part in the celebration of and show appreciation for these local and talented artists.

*Signed and sealed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.*



  
Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sara Peterson, CMC  
Acting Municipal Clerk