

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, ALASKA RENAMING THE SAWMILL COVE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO "GARY PAXTON INDUSTRIAL PARK"**

**WHEREAS**, Gary Paxton worked diligently and tirelessly for the City and Borough of Sitka as its municipal administrator from August of 1992 to September 2001 and again in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, he served during very turbulent times, where he took a financial structure that was in disarray and assembled a first-rate staff and made both highly accountable, going on to win state and national awards; and

**WHEREAS**, "Pax" as he is commonly called, demonstrated a natural leadership ability that projected self-confidence, authority and endless enthusiasm that provided stability during the economic crisis of the Alaska Lumber & Pulp Mill closure. For three decades the pulp mill provided employment for over 400 of Sitka's residents. These jobs accounted, directly and indirectly for 25% of Sitka's annual payroll; and

**WHEREAS**, he led the charge of directing the conversion of the pulp mill site into a catalyst for success known as Sawmill Cove Industrial Park and helped establish and served on Southeast Economic Development Association (SEDA) Board of Directors, which was formed in response to economic conditions in the years immediately after the closure of the pulp mill in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, it is certain that without Paxton's vision, leadership, determination and the ability to succeed, Sitka would not have the successful and growing industrial park it enjoys today; for Paxton there was only one option and that was to prevail; and

**WHEREAS**, it is entirely fitting that the City and Borough of Sitka commemorate the name of a man who dedicated many years of service to his community and truly showed his love and passion for Sitka and its people and who excelled in defining problems and planning solutions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska by this resolution renames Sawmill Cove Industrial Park to "Gary Paxton Industrial Park" in honor of his service to Sitka and that it hereafter be formally known only by that name or the shorter referenced version of "Paxton Industrial Park."

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 27th day of May 2014.

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Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Colleen Ingman, MMC  
Municipal Clerk