

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, City & Borough of Sitka

Proclamation

HONORING

Dr. Herman Kitka, Sr.

- WHEREAS,** Native Tlingit Elder Dr. Herman Kitka, Sr. was born in Sitka on September 14, 1914 to Frank and Katherine Bailey Kitka and passed away on December 27, 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** During his 95 years living a life of truth and beauty, he served his people, Nation, Clan, community and State with wisdom, integrity and strength of character that enriched and ennobled all; and
- WHEREAS,** He was a key participant in the struggle for Native rights and was instrumental in the development and passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, and personally embodied the spirit and grace of a true leader; and
- WHEREAS,** He was a founding officer of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska in 1938, the first president of the Shee Atika board of directors, and a lifelong member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood Camp 1, Sitka; and
- WHEREAS,** He was recognized for his efforts to preserve the rich Tlingit culture and history by the University of Alaska's award of an honorary Doctorate Degree in Humane Letters in May 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** He served on the Southeast Regional Advisory Committee of the Federal Subsistence Council from the committee's inception and was made a lifelong member at his retirement from active committee service to allow his continued involvement and availability of his extensive knowledge; and
- WHEREAS,** He has focused much of his life on stewardship of our beautiful country and was a tireless advocate for protecting the Tlingit culture, fighting discrimination and intolerance of cultural heritage for more than 70 years; and
- WHEREAS,** As leader of the Khook-Hit (Box House) and Clan Leader for all Kaagwaantaan of Sitka he was worthy of the calling and was loved and respected by his people, and in recognition of his lifelong contributions to the Tlingit people, he was endowed with many names, the last he received was K'usaatan;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the City and Borough of Sitka wishes to express our profound appreciation and respect for Dr. Herman Kitka, Sr.'s life's accomplishments and to proclaim Tuesday, January 12, 2010, as

DR. HERMAN KITKA DAY

Signed and sealed on this 12th day of January 2010.

Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Sara Peterson
Acting Municipal Clerk

