## CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA RESOLUTION NO. 2016-22

## A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING A SITKA VETERANS MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, our nation's veterans have served and protected the United States for over 240 years, making sacrifices big and small to ensure the freedom of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City and Borough of Sitka value and support our large population of veterans and by working together on the location and design of a Sitka Veterans Memorial, we hope to create a place of enjoyment, education and inspiration for the citizens, visitors and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the memorial will be to inform all those who visit on the history of Sitka Veterans, the history of the different wars Sitka Veterans have served in, and the historical relationship of the town to World War II. The memorials theme will be "to honor", honoring those who died and all who served, commemorating the values of their service, and giving loved ones a place to grieve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sitka Veterans Memorial will be inspirational, educational and a place of reflection for people of all ages and all walks of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Sitka would like to thank all Veterans both locally and nationally for the service they have given our country, and to let them know that their dedication, strength and sacrifices will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the City and Borough of Sitka wishes to recognize the significance of the memorial project and wishes to recognize the Sitka Veterans Association for their commitment to the task.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka is in support of a Sitka Veterans Memorial site on municipal property. The City and Borough of Sitka is proud to support the Sitka Veterans Association to ensure that our residents and visitors always will remember those who serve our country today, those who have served our country in the past and those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, CMC

Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 10/25/16