## CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-18**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND U.S. CONGRESS RESTORE CONTINUING AND REALISTIC CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

**WHEREAS,** our nation today demands more from the U.S. Coast Guard, than at any time in the service's history; and

**WHEREAS,** the "Federal Shutdown" and lack of necessary federal funding have curtailed or suspended many services that are critically important to Alaska and the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** although one of the five armed services, the U.S. Coast Guard is the only one not located in the more adequately funded Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard essential personnel still face unprecedented funding cuts and growing demands that threaten their ability to operate and serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Coast Guard continues to be given new responsibilities and assignments as well as woefully inadequate operation and capital funding expecting them to do more with less; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Coast Guard can no longer remain a world-class maritime law-enforcement agency, armed service and emergency rescue responder; given the inadequate resources the federal government provides.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska as a proud "Coast Guard City USA," by this resolution formally requests that the U.S. President and U.S. Congress fully fund the U.S. Coast Guard to enable this essential armed service provider to continue to deliver the many critical services the federal government has mandated.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 12th day of November 2013.

Matthew Hunter, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, CMC Acting Municipal Clerk