

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
THE PARTNERSHIP, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SITKA
HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT CENTENNIAL HALL**

- WHEREAS,** the City and Borough of Sitka (City) has shared a forty-two year cooperative effort with the Sitka Historical Society (Society) and will assist in providing operational funds and building maintenance within Centennial Hall, and the Society will continue to operate the Sitka Historical Museum for the benefit of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the new museum will continue the Society's mission to preserve, protect and interpret the events, stories and artifacts that are Sitka's history; and
- WHEREAS,** the project will continue to benefit Sitka's economic development by creating a cultural tourism attraction; and
- WHEREAS,** the City requested FY 13 legislative funding for the Centennial Hall upgrades including the new museum addition to Centennial Hall; and
- WHEREAS,** in May 2012 a state legislative grant of \$4,500,000 was allocated to the City to include Centennial Hall upgrades and construction of the new museum addition; and
- WHEREAS,** the Society and City Public Works Department have complete the Rasmuson Foundation-funded Foraker Pre-Development Program that provided recommendations for the layout, feasibility and sustainability of the museum project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Society has commenced a fund raising campaign for the design and construction of the permanent exhibits within the new museum and has on deposit some fifty thousand dollars of the anticipated 1.8 million dollar exhibits cost.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska by this resolution supports further development of the Sitka Historical Museum project, updating the current 1993 City-Society operations agreement, and developing a new agreement to incorporate pre-development findings and recommendations in the design of the new museum addition.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 9th day of October 2012.


Cheryl Westover, Mayor

ATTEST:



Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk