

Sponsor: Administrator

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
SUBMITTING CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA 2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES TO STATE OF ALASKA AND 2014 LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka advocates cooperating and sharing resources with the State of Alaska to maximize public infrastructure and services for the citizens of Alaska in the most efficient, cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have suffered unfunded mandates and budget impacts from State management of the PERS/TRS system, inadequate maintenance of State harbors, State roads and utilities, and other State responsibilities which should be compensated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, adopts the following FY 2015 State Legislative Priorities and urges the Alaska State Legislature to support them to the maximum extent possible:

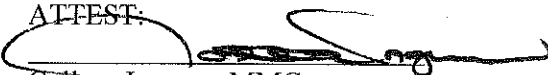
- **State Revenue Sharing/Local Tax Relief** – The City and Borough of Sitka supports the State Revenue Sharing on a sustainable basis to equitably compensate Alaska communities for providing local services.
- **Education** – State funding should be increased to cover escalating transportation expenses, the rising costs of fuel and energy, and reasonable new costs to improve the quality of education.
- **Local Control and Maximum Local Self-Government Guaranteed by the Alaska Constitution** – The Legislature should defeat any legislation that creates new unfunded mandates or takes away existing powers of local governments. The State should fund existing unfunded State mandates.
- **Deferred Maintenance of Harbors** – The State should fully fund the deferred maintenance of State harbors transferred to local governments. In addition, the State should fully fund the 50 percent matching grants legislated by the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Fund to assist with harbor upgrades.
- **DEC Municipal Matching Grants** – The State is requested to fully fund the Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Matching Grants Program. This 50/50 percent matching grants program permits greatly needed utility upgrades through partnerships between the State of Alaska and local communities that benefit the entire State.

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly submits the enclosed FY 2015 City and Borough of Sitka Legislative Capital Project Requests and Requests for State Funding for State Facilities in priority order to the 2014 Session of the Alaska State Legislature and State of Alaska.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 10th day of September, 2013.


Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk