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**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
RESOLUTION 2010-04**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING USFS FUNDING  
REQUESTS FOR THE SITKA FOREST SERVICE OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Service is one of the top fifteen employers within the City and Borough of Sitka, of which the majority of the Forest Service managed 1.8 million acres resides within the Sitka Borough boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Service plans to build an office facility that will enhance both community and visitor services as an important gateway to the Tongass National Forest (NF); and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Service recognizes their warehouse is too large and wants to better utilize the warehouse as office space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Service plans to construct a new green (electricity and biomass) office and remodel the warehouse for office space on Forest Service land. This will provide our taxpayers with an annual savings of \$300,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the new facilities will provide office space for the current staffing of 76 permanent employees, plus temporaries and volunteers. The facility plan provides for additional office space if Congress mandates additional land management objectives for the lands surrounding Sitka; and

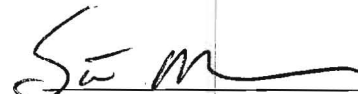
**WHEREAS**, in 2009/10, the Tongass NF submitted this new office project as a top priority for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) 2009 stimulus funding in the initial request. This project was recently resubmitted for ARRA funding if additional funding should become available; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009/10 the Tongass NF has invested over \$400,000 to complete the environmental analysis and design. A design-build contract will be ready for bid if the dollars were made available within 30 days. This could provide local jobs in Sitka; and


**WHEREAS**, the Forest Service has a commitment to the community of Sitka and is seeking funding for their new office facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska hereby supports the Forest Service request for ARRA funds or other funds that are available.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

  
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Scott McAdams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Colleen Ingman, MMC Municipal Clerk