

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City & Borough of Sitka

# Proclamation

## Walk Friendly Community

WHEREAS, improving Sitka's walking experience by applying for a Walk Friendly Communities designation was selected as one of the three community wellness goals of the 2012 Sitka Health Summit; and

WHEREAS, walking and hiking are recognized as healthy activities that reduce the risks of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and some forms of cancer, improve mental health, and provide many other health benefits; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that walkable communities have stronger local economies and are friendlier to visitors, who can better experience the flavor of the town by meeting a wide variety of local residents as they walk the streets; and

WHEREAS, walkable communities are better for the environment as people choose to leave their cars at home, which reduces the rate of air pollution and fuel use in the community; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has the highest rate of adult commuters who walk in the country at 8.0 percent, and Sitka has a walking commuting rate of 11.32 percent, which is well above the national average of 2.9 percent for walking commuters; and

WHEREAS, applying for a Walk Friendly Communities designation provides a framework to help communities learn how to provide safe accommodation for walking and encourage its residents to walk for transportation, health, and recreation; and


WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka has more than 52 miles of hiking trails and an additional 11.7-plus miles of sidewalks and bike paths developed by the City, the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the non-profit group Sitka Trail Works, and other groups within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka recognizes the importance of walking, cycling, and motorist education and safety programs geared toward sharing the roads and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka supports the efforts of Walk Sitka, a group formed after the Sitka Health Summit to work on improving and recognizing Sitka's walking experience by applying for a Walk Friendly Communities designation.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka supports the work being done by Walk Sitka to help Sitka earn recognition as a Walk Friendly Community, and hopes the citizens of the community continue to be supportive in order to financially sustain these goals.

Signed and sealed on this 9th day of April, 2013.



Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Colleen Ingman, MMC  
Municipal Clerk



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## AmeriCorps Day

- WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and
- WHEREAS, AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans in meeting national, state and community needs; and
- WHEREAS, each year AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Alaskans to give back in an intensive way to our communities, our state and our country; and
- WHEREAS, this year, through AmeriCorps programs, more than 350 Alaskans are devoting their talent and energy to meeting critical educational, environmental, public and other human service needs through service to nonprofit, governmental and community based organizations; and
- WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high levels; and
- WHEREAS, April 9<sup>th</sup>, as part of National Service Recognition Day, is an opportune time for the people of Alaska to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service, thank AmeriCorps' community partners, and bring more Americans into service.

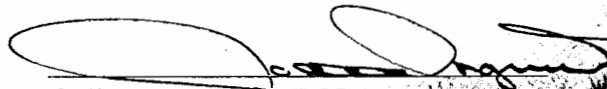
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, does hereby proclaim April 9<sup>th</sup> as *AmeriCorps Day* in Sitka and urges all citizens to thank our local AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service.

Signed and sealed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.



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