

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING PERMANENT FUNDING OF THE ALASKA FARM TO SCHOOL AND NUTRITIONAL ALASKA FOODS PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS BY THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS, Alaska Farm to School Program** was introduced in 2010 by Representative Carl Gatto and the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** was funded as a pilot program in Fiscal Year 2013 and introduced by Senator Stoltze from Wasilla; and

**WHEREAS, Alaska Farm to School Program** promotes and encourages the use of Alaska Grown and harvested foods in the school lunch program and the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** gives every Alaska school the opportunity to purchase Alaskan Grown produce and seafood while also helping to catalyze Alaska food production; and

**WHEREAS, Alaska Farm to School** and the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** programs enable school districts to purchase healthy Alaska Grown produce and fish from Alaska waters. The Governor's proposed budget allocates funding for both of these critical programs in Fiscal Year 2015; and

**WHEREAS, both the Alaska Farm to School and the Nutritional Alaskan Foods for Schools** programs do much for our students, communities and state such as:

- Assists School Nutrition Directors in locating Alaska Grown and harvested products
- Increases the amount of foods grown and consumed in-state
- Creates local demand for Alaska produced and harvested foods
- Provides producers with in-state, large-scale, markets where they can begin to catalyze in-state food production
- Catalyzes state-wide food production, processing, and distribution networks to supply Alaska communities with locally produced Alaska foods
- Creates cash flow that allows producers to improve, grow, and expand food production and harvesting
- Promotes economic development, commerce and capital flows by substituting food that we would otherwise import with Alaska produced and harvested foods
- Supports local, regional, and state economies with jobs and money staying in Alaska

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska by this resolution supports the Governor's budget to continue allocating sufficient funding for both the **Alaska Farm to School** and the **Nutritional Alaska Foods for Schools** programs. The City and Borough of Sitka encourages the legislature to move even further during the upcoming legislative session to make these **multi-year** commitments. This will ensure Alaska is on a path to food security and is producing, harvesting, processing, selling, and consuming healthy, affordable, nutritional, and traditional food in the great State of Alaska; a win/win for our students and economy..

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka,  
Alaska on this 25th day of March, 2014.

  
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Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Colleen Ingman, MMC  
Municipal Clerk