

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF A FULL \$60 MILLION INTO THE REVENUE SHARING FUND ON A YEARLY BASIS WITH A ONE-YEAR APPROPRIATION OF \$8 MILLION TO THE FUND WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2015

WHEREAS, all of Alaska’s boroughs and cities are appreciative to the Governor and the Legislature for the continuation of the Revenue Sharing program; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, municipalities have received a total of \$60 million per year to be divided among all boroughs, cities and unorganized communities in the State; and

WHEREAS, this money is a small share of the resource funding that is provided to the State; and

WHEREAS, \$60 million is also a small part of the total state-wide budget for the year; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are political subdivisions of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, boroughs and cities can only raise their own money through increased taxes and/or fees; and

WHEREAS, in the past 2014 Legislative Session, the amount deposited into the Revenue Sharing fund dropped to \$52 million; and

WHEREAS, the larger municipalities use these funds to keep taxes as low as possible; and

WHEREAS, the smaller municipalities use these funds to provide basic services, such as snow removal, public building maintenance, harbor upkeep, fuel and insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka requests the Alaska State Legislature to reinstate the amount of \$60 million on an annual basis into the Revenue Sharing Fund and also that the Alaska State Legislature appropriate an additional \$8 million to the fund with an effective date prior to June 30, 2015.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 10th day of February, 2015.

Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, CMC
Acting Municipal Clerk