

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING THE
NATIVE AMERICAN TOURISM AND IMPROVING VISITOR EXPERIENCE
(NATIVE) ACT**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka supports the tourism projects and initiatives of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians which creates economic development and employment across Indian Country while preserving and highlighting our cultures, languages, and traditional lifeways; and

WHEREAS, the NATIVE Act is designed to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower native communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the NATIVE Act will accelerate Native American community development, increase international tourism to the United States and recognize the value of Indian Country participation in international tourism promotion; and


WHEREAS, Indian Country is ready to perform the provisions of the NATIVE Act to advance Indian Country tourism by assisting tribes and providing the tools to develop and enhance tourism programs in Indian Country; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka supports the NATIVE Act and encourages Congress to pass the legislation to enhance community development, recognize and encourage Native American tribal participation in tourism, and provide permanent funding mechanisms for technical assistance to advance economic development in Indian Country for tribes engaged in tourism.

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