RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION (NRPA)/DISNEY FOR CRESCENT HARBOR PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly approved "Comprehensive Plan" and "Sitka Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Plan" goals support projects that provide healthy activities and accessible opportunities that benefit citizens of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Crescent Harbor Playground renovation was a goal of the Sitka Health Summit in 2011 and in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly listed the project as a State Legislative priority for three years; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Parks Division and Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee have listed the upgrade of playgrounds as a deferred maintenance priority since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee passed a motion of support at their 2/13/18 meeting for a NRPA/Disney grant application for the Crescent Playground renovation; and

WHEREAS, all children need access to safe playgrounds regardless of their abilities and currently Sitka is lacking a playground that is classified as fully ADA accessible and inclusive to children of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Crescent Harbor Playground renovation project when completed will stimulate active and imaginative play, attract more youth to participate in healthy activity; and

WHEREAS, the new playground will be built from sustainable and safe materials that will require minimal maintenance in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, Crescent Harbor Playground renovation project is a collaborative, partnership project between the City Public Works Department, the citizen Community Playground group, and Southeast Alaska Independent Living, organizations which recognize the importance of playground that engages Sitka's 1669 children under 13 years old in active and imaginative play; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka will sponsor the grant application but the funds will be managed by SAIL.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Administrator of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and administer any

and all documents and contracts required for the application and acceptance of the NRPA/Disney grant to the City and Borough of Sitka.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly on the 27th day of February 2017.

Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 2/27/18