

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
SUPPORTING SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS REAUTHORIZATION**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka urges immediate reauthorization and funding for fiscal year 2019 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act; and

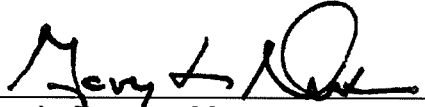
WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka urges multi-year reauthorization and mandatory funding of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act by the U.S. Congress as a key component of federal financial assistance to local governments and school districts across the country. This law recognizes the need for sustained funding to school districts that have non-taxable national forest lands within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Secure Rural Schools Act is critically important to many rural school districts such as Sitka which have relied heavily on Secure Rural School funds to supplement local revenue for education. The Sitka School District resides in the Sitka Borough which is comprised of 95% Tongass National Forest. The impact of a National Forest that no longer provides adequate revenue to help support local schools and roads places an onerous burden upon our local citizenry that cannot be ameliorated without Federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for many national forested counties and school districts that have no ability to generate local tax revenue to support schools and roads that this act is immediately reauthorized and funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska urges the Alaska congressional delegation (Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan and Representative Young) to do all in their power to affect the reauthorization and funding of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act for fiscal year 2019 and to work towards multi-year reauthorization and mandatory funding for 2020 and beyond.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 26th day of February, 2019.



Gary L. Paxton, Mayor

ATTEST



Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 2/26/19

Sponsors: Paxton / Mosher