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City & Borough of Sitka

Proclamation

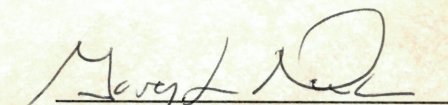
HONORING
POSTHUMOUSLY

Patricia "Patty" Bickar

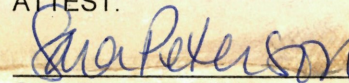
- WHEREAS,** Patty Bickar came to Sitka in 1960 as a wife and business partner to her husband Oliver "Porky" Bickar, and a mother to their young children; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1967 Patty began teaching middle school mathematics, first at the Etolin Street School, and soon after at Blatchley Middle School. She served generations of Sitkans at Blatchley, and mentored many new young teachers there over her career; and
- WHEREAS,** beginning in 1969 Patty was an active member and officer of the teacher's honorary society, Delta Kappa Gamma. She was the president of the local Iota chapter in 1975-1978, and State president from 1985-1987; and
- WHEREAS,** Patty was a long-time member of the Sitka American Cancer Society- leading their Daffodil Sale for many years; and
- WHEREAS,** Patty was known for her handmade gifts, which she bestowed on everyone she came in contact with. She was very active in Don Seesz's evening woodworking class, where she made bird feeders, doll cradles, Norwegian Stacking boxes and even progressed to making Morris Chairs. She was such a dedicated and faithful student that they awarded her a prize of free tuition for the rest of her life; and
- WHEREAS,** Patty was the first female member of the Sitka Rotary Club, and the first female Rotarian in Alaska, joining soon after Rotary began admitting women in 1987. She led the Rotary Rose Sale for many years, was an active member of the Club, and was president of the Club in 1993-1994; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1991 Patty was a founder of the Babies and Books group for Sitka, and was an active member- producing the monthly newsletters and mailing books out to Sitka's families with young children; and
- WHEREAS,** in her waning years, Patty took good care of Sitka's ducks at Swan Lake, feeding them cracked corn on her daily walk around the lake from her home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka joins all Sitkans in extending our condolences to Patty Bickar's adult children David, Christianne, and Brian and their families, and in expressing our profound appreciation for Patty Bickar's life's accomplishments and contributions to our community. In her long life, long before she joined Rotary, Patty practiced the Rotary motto- "Service Above Self".

Signed and sealed on this 8th day of September 2020.


Gary L. Paxton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

