

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA ADOPTING A NEW
OFFICIAL CITY AND BOROUGH SEAL; RECOGNIZING THE ARTWORK OF AARON TRAZ
HILL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, in 1971, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly adopted a commemorative coin depicting the transfer of Alaska from Russia as the official seal; and

WHEREAS, said coin and seal depicted a cannon atop the historic Castle Hill site pointed out over Sitka Sound; and

WHEREAS, the community wishes to be represented in its official symbols in a way that is reflective of Sitka's rich history, society, culture, geography, flora, fauna, economy, and other important characteristics of the area and people within the boundaries of the City and Borough of Sitka; and

WHEREAS, a contest was open to the public from February 14th, 2020 to March 31st, 2020, inviting individuals to design a new official seal for the City and Borough of Sitka; and

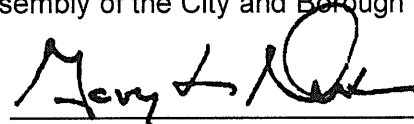
WHEREAS, of the thirteen responses to the contest that were received, seven were selected to be reviewed by City and Borough of Sitka boards and commissions, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly, after consideration of feedback from its boards and commissions, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, and the general public, selected an entry depicting Mt. Edgecumbe, the O'Connell Bridge, a totem pole, a troller, and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter which was created by artist Aaron Traz Hill and included as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, hereby adopts the design created by artist Aaron Traz Hill as the Official Seal of the City and Borough of Sitka; and

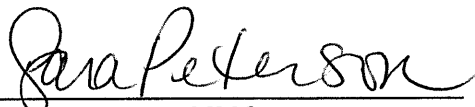
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be a transition period of three (3) years in which both the old and new seals shall be recognized as the official seal of the City and Borough of Sitka.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 13th day of October, 2020.



Gary L. Paxton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 10/13/2020

Sponsors: Eisenbeisz/Knox