

CITATION

HONORING ELAINE STRELOW

WHEREAS, Elaine Strelow moved from Ketchikan to Sitka in 1958 to work on construction of the new Pulp Mill. After construction was completed Elaine worked at the mill from 1959 through closure in 1993. A faithful, skilled, familiar face among office staff, she was a welcoming smile for tugboat skippers, executives and many other workers; and

WHEREAS, Elaine faithfully served as an active member of the International Association of Administrative Professionals providing training and support for the professional development of office workers, executive secretaries and many other skilled practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was a leader, member of the Board of Directors, strong supporter and faithful member of the Alaska Day Committee – a Committee that works year-round to help Sitkans celebrate Alaska Day. Elaine was a familiar face in the parade, on Castle Hill, at the Alaska Day Costume Ball and at the Sitka Lutheran Church Pie Sale; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was a faithful and faith-filled, loyal member of Sitka Lutheran Church who represented the BEST of any church member. Elaine provided a welcoming smile and coffee to any newcomer, assisted many new Pastors in their introduction to the Sitka Community and Sitka Lutheran Church Congregation, served as the Congregational Council Secretary, and gave many years of music ministry to the residents of the Pioneers' Home during the weekly worship hour; and


WHEREAS, Elaine was also a key supporter of the Sitka Sportsman's Club (especially the Salmon Derby), Sitka Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, Alaska Historical Society and many other local groups; and

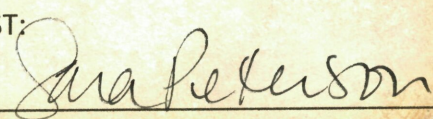
WHEREAS, Elaine suffered from a second stroke which required her to move to Kent, WA to be supported by her daughter Tammy Pedersen and family – she still considers Sitka to be HER HOME. Elaine's heart is in Sitka. She loves this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor of the City and Borough of Sitka, join with all Sitkans in extending our best wishes for healing and thanks for Elaine's dedicated service to this community.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of November 2020.




Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk