

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TASK FORCE
TO ADVISE THE ASSEMBLY ON METHODS TO PLAN FOR AND MITIGATE
THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND REDUCE THE EMISSION OF
GREENHOUSE GASES**

WHEREAS, scientists and public policy experts generally agree that climate change will have profound impacts on the economy, infrastructure, finances, and future development of cities within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Mayors and local governments throughout the state and the nation are studying ways to predict and measure the impacts of climate change, plan for and mitigate those impacts, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Sitka Assembly have endorsed the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement in recognition that global warming may present serious challenges for the City in the future and wish to be proactive with respect to climate change in order to mitigate the impacts to Sitka's environment, economy and quality of life, and

WHEREAS, parties to the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement agreed to strive to reduce global warming emissions by inventorying local emissions, setting emissions reduction targets and creating an action plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Sitka Assembly have taken the first step by authorizing the emissions inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Sitka Assembly recognize the willingness of citizens of the City and Borough of Sitka to volunteer their time to completing the further steps of setting emissions reduction targets and creating an action plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sitka assembly hereby authorizes a Climate Action Plan Task Force, which shall be a special committee established under Sitka General Code 2.04.040A and 2.04.150C, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall consist of at least 7 but no more than twelve diverse members appointed by the Assembly, which will attempt to

appoint those who have climate change concerns, such as representatives from various groups including the youth, science, business, construction, tribal government, utilities/energy, environmental, fishing, tourism, land use/management and economic developments sectors of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall be responsible for studying and making recommendations to the Sitka Assembly on ways to plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change on the City and Borough of Sitka's economy, infrastructure and future development, and methods the City and Borough of Sitka can employ to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall work closely with and provide periodic updates and draft work products for the Assembly.

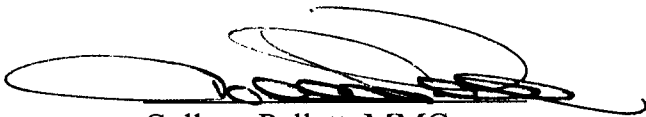
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force selection process be completed by July of 2008 if feasible and that the Task Force meetings begin in September of 2008.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 26 day of June, 2008.



Marko Dapcevich, Mayor

ATTEST:



Colleen Pellett, MMC
Municipal Clerk