

THE GREATER SITKA
chamber
OF COMMERCE

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION 2012-05
IN SUPPORT OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY IN SITKA

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce has a responsibility to its members; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce's mission is to promote, support, and facilitate commerce and economic growth in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce recognizes the substantial economic impact of cruise ship visitors to Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the economic impacts of cruise visitors are beneficial to the municipality's tax base and subsequent ability to provide invaluable services to its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Assembly is considering putting a question on the October ballot to determine if the voters feel the CBS should be allowed to build a down town cruise ship dock located near the Centennial Hall with the CBS either owning it or leasing to another entity; and

WHEREAS, the question does not provide specifics on placement of the dock, where funding will come from, a conceptual design, a completion date, nor a feasibility study to determine if a downtown dock will attract new cruise ships to Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka voters may not vote affirmatively if they do not have the specific information; and

WHEREAS, the negative implications of a "no" vote from the Community could harm future cruise line visitor numbers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Chamber announces and affirms its support of the cruise industry in Sitka; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce does hereby request the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly to do more research before putting the downtown dock question on the ballot to determine placement, cost, funding source(s), design, completion date, projected revenues, and a feasibility study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce requests the Sitka Assembly to move the ballot question to the **October 2013** ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the officers and agents of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce be and are hereby authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Sitka Chamber of Commerce in accordance with its organic documents at a Meeting of the Sitka Chamber of Commerce held on July 20, 2012 and said resolution appears in the record of said Meeting as set forth above. Dated this 20th day of July, 2012.



Gerry Hope, President



Ptarmica McConnell, Treasurer