



BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION 2015-01
IN SUPPORT OF MEANINGFUL EDUCATION FUNDING INCREASES

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

WHEREAS, quality local schools encourage the in-migration of families, increasing our immediate and future labor supply as well as bolstering our local economy; and

WHEREAS, inadequate funding negatively impacts the ability for the Sitka School District to continue valuable programs for our students that work to keep children in school and prepare them for college or career readiness; and

WHEREAS, access to quality education has been shown to raise incomes and increase productivity while failures in educating our workforce are associated with higher levels of crime and welfare dependency resulting in public funds that might have been used for education being redirected to crime control, drug treatment and welfare programs, and

WHEREAS, the overall skill level of our local labor force is one of the key drivers of local job and wage growth; and

WHEREAS, skilled workers and a quality labor force give businesses incentive to operate and grow in Sitka, giving us a competitive edge that encourages economic growth and prosperity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce recognizes the significant return on investment that quality education provides, generating real, quantifiable results for workers, businesses and the community of Sitka as a whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sitka Chamber supports meaningful increases in education funding and urges our local, state and federal governments to keep a long term perspective while take a leading role in education; and

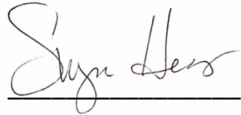
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately; and

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 Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce in accordance with its organic documents at a meeting of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce held on

March 06, 2015 and said resolution appears in the record of said meeting as set forth above. Dated this 6th day of March, 2015.



Suzan Hess, President



Jennifer Robinson, Executive Director