



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTION 2015-02

### IN OPPOSITION TO RAISING THE SALES TAX CAP WITHOUT ADEQUATE NOTICE TO BUSINESSES

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

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of economic growth and development to sustain a healthy, vibrant economy and support the services and lifestyle that Sitka's are accustomed to; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce recognizes that while state and federal funding are in rapid decline and our local economy is struggling, there is a need to increase the revenue flow to cover budget deficits within the city government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce is not generally against an increased sales tax cap; and

**WHEREAS**, the many local businesses have already advertised prices and scheduled and collected payment for their 2015 season under the current tax structure; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing the current tax cap at the start of the season would put a substantial economic hardship on the local businesses and other organizations that advertise and agree to costs in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, owning and operating a business in Sitka is already challenging; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional costs associated with contacting and collecting from clients that have already paid and/or paying these additional costs out of pocket would create an undue hardship for businesses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce opposes raising the sales tax cap without adequate notice to local businesses; and

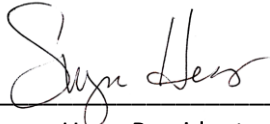
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sitka Chamber urges the City and Borough of Sitka to wait until October of 2015 to implement this change so that businesses can give ample notice to clients; and

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

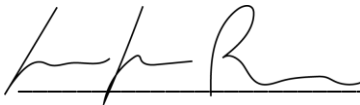
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the officers and agents of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce be and are hereby authorized to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing resolution.

## 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 May 19, 2015 and said resolution appears in the record of said meeting as set forth above. Dated this 20th day of May, 2015.



Suzan Hess, President



Jennifer Robinson, Executive Director

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