



**A RESOLUTION BY ADVANCING OUR COMMUNITY
TO SUPPORT A FIXED ALLOCATION OF THE GENERAL
FUND BUDGET FOR SITKA'S HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES**
RESOLUTION 2006-02

WHEREAS, Advancing Our Community (AOC) is a coalition of more than twenty (20) non-profit and government agencies delivering human services to the residents of Sitka, Alaska, and

WHEREAS, AOC is dedicated to the mission of promoting positive development of Sitka's population, with a particular emphasis on strong, healthy, educated families, free of drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, AOC recognizes that the health, well-being, and success of Sitka's residents is dependent on the continued availability of human services to individuals and their families, and

WHEREAS, non-profit human service agencies require adequate financial support from the City and Borough of Sitka in order to implement their programs, and to provide required matching funds to pull outside human service funds into the community of Sitka from federal, state, and private funding sources, and

WHEREAS, in the City and Borough of Sitka's FY 2006 General Funding allocation for non-profits, human service agencies by far serve and impact the largest number of Sitka's residents, and

WHEREAS, the ten human service agencies funded by the city last year also contribute to Sitka's economic development by employing over ninety (90) Sitkans to the workforce payroll and consumer population as well as contributing nearly \$5 million through budgets and local spending built on funds derived almost entirely from sources outside the City and Borough of Sitka;

WHEREAS, while AOC recognizes the value all of Sitka's non-profits bring to our community, human service agencies by far serve the most Sitka residents, and positively impact the largest spectrum of the population.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Advancing Our Community requests that the City and Borough of Sitka establish a fixed allocation of at least 60% of General Fund Grants be dedicated to qualified Human Service Agencies, and not to decrease the amount beyond a minimum of \$150,000 per annum.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Advancing Our Community firmly believes that this fixed allocation will help provide a more stable funding base for Sitka's human service agencies, and provide the municipal recognition and support essential to bringing outside federal, state, and private funds to the community of Sitka which will directly raise the quality of life for all Sitkans.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Steering Committee of Advancing Our Community, February 2, 2006.

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For and on Behalf of AOC