

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

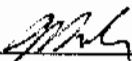
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF A CLEAN ELECTIONS SYSTEM IN ALASKA**

- WHEREAS,** several former and current legislators have recently been indicted for accepting money in exchange for votes; and
- WHEREAS,** votes taken by these individuals may have cost the state more than \$1 billion annually in unrealized oil tax revenues, revenue that is critical to supporting the operations of our local governments; and
- WHEREAS,** this scandal has undermined public confidence in the integrity of Alaska's elected officials; and
- WHEREAS,** adoption of a Clean Elections system can help restore public trust in government, eliminate the potential for and perception of corruption, and promote greater accountability to voters; and
- WHEREAS,** under Clean Elections, candidates who demonstrate broad public support and agree to forego private contributions can qualify for public financing of their campaigns; and
- WHEREAS,** Clean Elections is law in seven states and is extremely popular with voters as well as candidates; and
- WHEREAS,** Clean Elections affirms the principle of "one person, one vote" by curtailing the influence of special interest money and enabling citizens of all backgrounds to participate equally in the democratic process; and
- WHEREAS,** Clean Elections opens the door to a greater diversity of candidates who will represent the public interest; and
- WHEREAS,** Clean Elections systems save money by eliminating funding for pet projects advocated by special interests; and
- WHEREAS,** the time has come for Clean Elections in Alaska;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, by this resolution urges Governor Sarah Palin and the Alaska State Legislature to expeditiously implement a Clean Elections system in Alaska, and that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Sarah Palin and all members of the Alaska State Legislature.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 26th day of June, 2007.



Marko Dapcevich, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Pellett, MMC
Municipal Clerk