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RESOLUTION # _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING THE ADDITION OF THE HAMES ATHLETIC AND WELLNESS CENTER TO THE 2010 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES LIST

WHEREAS, the 2007 Sitka Comprehensive Plan and the Parks and Recreation plan have goals directing the development of an indoor recreation facility for Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the Hames Athletic and Wellness Center, Sitka's only publicly available indoor recreation facility, provides opportunities for physical exercise, socialization, and healthy and constructive use of leisure time for residents of all ages and means; and

WHEREAS, the Hames Athletic and Wellness Center provides an essential community function and serves a vital role by contributing significantly to the quality of life of Sitka's residents; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three agencies and organizations including the State Troopers, US Coast Guard, Mt. Edgecumbe, Pacific and Sitka High Schools currently utilize the Hames Center and their programs would be negatively affected or terminated due to lack of gym or pool space if the facility isn't funded and kept open; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the Hames Center and its programs would negatively affect Sitka's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly recognizes the importance of the Hames Center and supports its continued operation; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka will accept ownership of the building contingent upon sufficient funds being secured and available for purchase, capital improvements and operations; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka further agrees, with voter concurrence via ratification of a ballot proposition, to support on-going maintenance and operations beyond October 2009 in cooperation with the Sitka School District and Community Schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, by this resolution, affirms and supports the addition of the Hames Athletic and Wellness Center to the 2010 State Legislative Priorities list.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 28th of October, 2008.

, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Pellet, CMC, Municipal Clerk