

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE
OF BILLS BY THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE FOR FUNDING OF SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, nutrition is the building block to every individuals health and contributes to a well-balanced lifestyle;

WHEREAS, insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness, weakens their immune system, negatively affects cognitive and behavioral development;

WHEREAS, over 70,000 Alaskans annually visit a local food bank, many of which have children under the age of 18;

WHEREAS, obesity rates of all children and adolescents have tripled in just one generation;

WHEREAS, the environments to which children are exposed in their daily lives – schools, childcare facilities, and their communities – can influence the healthfulness of their diets;

WHEREAS, schools play a critical role in improving the dietary and physical activity behaviors of children and adolescents;


WHEREAS, schools can create environments supportive of students' efforts to eat healthy and be active by implementing policies and practices that support healthy eating, regular physical activity and provide opportunities for students to practice these healthy behaviors;

WHEREAS, many Alaskan schools struggle with the costs associated with providing nutritional meals; and


WHEREAS, current versions of SB 3 and HB 132 before the Alaska Legislature will provide additional financial support for school lunch and breakfast meal programs offered in Alaska that will help to increase nutritional value of school meals and the ability to reach more children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly and City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska strongly endorses the passage of bills before the Alaska State Legislature that fund school meals, such as the current versions of SB 3 and HB 132.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 14 day of February, 2012.


Cheryl Westover
Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Ingman, MMC
Municipal Clerk