

## RESOLUTION 13-21

### A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY HONORING U.S. SENATOR DANIEL AKAKA FOR HIS YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR THE IZEMBEK REFUGE LAND EXCHANGE AND ROAD

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Aleutians East Borough are grateful to retired U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka from Hawaii for his years of support for the health and safety of the residents of King Cove; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Akaka expressed his support for the people of King Cove and for the rights of Native people everywhere by co-sponsoring S.1680 Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Refuge and Wilderness Enhancement Act of 2007, with Senators Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska; and,

**WHEREAS**, S.1680, which would allow a gravel road to safely and dependably access the Cold Bay Airport from the community of King Cove, passed the Senate as part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act on January 15, 2009; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 authorized a land exchange of an unprecedented 56,000 acres of State of Alaska and native Aleut lands to the federal government for 206 acres of land within the Izembek Refuge to provide for a road access to the Cold Bay Airport; and,

**WHEREAS**, a decade earlier, Senator Akaka as a member of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, supported S. 1092 King Cove Health and Safety Act, to provide for a road between Cold Bay and King Cove; and,

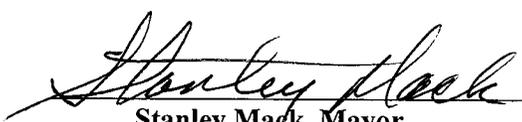
**WHEREAS**, Senator Daniel Akaka and Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii were two of only eight Democratic Senators who voted in support of S. 1092 King Cove Health and Safety Act on October 1, 1998, helping the Act pass the Senate by a vote of 59 to 38; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Akaka was recently honored by the Alaska Federation of Natives with the Denali Award, the top honor awarded by AFN for non-Alaska Native individuals who have contributed to the growth and development of the Alaska Native Community's culture, economy and health.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly wishes to convey our utmost respect and sincere thanks to Senator Akaka, on behalf of the residents of the Borough, for his years of service and all he has accomplished ; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Aleutians East Borough will always embrace our friendship, and we wish Senator Akaka and his family all the best during his retirement.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 22<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

  
Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Tina Anderson, Clerk