RESOLUTION 11-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE CITY OF AKUTAN'S PETITION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF AKUTAN, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF CONSENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the City of Akutan distributed to Borough Assembly Members a petition for annexation of territory adjoining the City, that encompasses approximately 130 square miles, including approximately 25.3 miles on Akutan Island, 27.3 miles on Akun Island, and 77.4 miles of submerged lands; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Alaska Statute 29.06.040(c), territory adjoining a municipality may be annexed by ordinance without an election if all property owners and voters in the area petition the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough is the property owner of an unpopulated, 4.71 acre parcel located on Akun Island near the northern shore of Lost Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Akutan City Council has authorized Mayor Joseph Bereskin to submit to the State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission a petition for annexation of territory; and

WHEREAS, although the territory proposed for annexation is unpopulated, expected and necessary development within the expanded boundaries of the City will support and justify the extension of city government into that area; and

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough Code Section 45.05.030 has delegated to the City of Akutan all the powers and duties of planning, platting, and land use regulations as provided in AS 29.40; and

WHEREAS, Akutan is committed to developing its airport and transportation infrastructure to promote economic and employment opportunities through a coordinated, community-wide effort based on planning, awareness, and consensus; and

WHEREAS, the annexation of territory to Akutan's City boundaries will also promote orderly development of sustainable energy resources consistent with the local goals and objectives articulated by Akutan residents in their adopted Community Plan and Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the legal boundary description of the territory proposed to be annexed is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as ATTACHMENT A and shown on the map as ATTACHMENT B;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly:

1. The City of Akutan is in the best position to guide community growth, support new enterprise, create jobs, reduce energy costs, improve transportation, develop community infrastructure, and preserve subsistence and traditional values.

2. The territory proposed for annexation is physically, economically, and culturally connected to the community of Akutan, and the City is best situated to govern orderly development and provide efficient, effective services in these areas.

3. The Mayor of the Aleutians East Borough is authorized to execute the required documentation of consent on behalf of the Aleutians East Borough, a property owner within the proposed annexation area.

4. The Aleutians East Borough supports the proposed annexation as it is in the best interests of Akutan, the Aleutians East Borough, the region, and the State of Alaska, and respectfully requests that the Local Boundary Commission approve the Petition for Annexation.

5. This resolution supersedes Resolution No. 09-27.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2011

[Signatures]
Stanley Mack, Mayor

Tina Anderson, Clerk