Petersburg Borough, Petersburg, Alaska RESOLUTION #2015-05

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR WALKER'S PROPOSED FY 2016 REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM APPROPRIATION OF \$57 MILLION

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough is appreciative to Governor Walker and the Legislature for the continuation of the Revenue Sharing program; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, municipalities have received a total of \$60 million per year to be divided among all boroughs, cities and unorganized communities in the State; and

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Legislative Session, the amount deposited into the Revenue Sharing fund dropped to \$52 million, and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough Assembly understands the State of Alaska's budget deficit mandates large budget cuts in order to balance the budget in the future, and reducing the Revenue Sharing Program fund by \$3 million for FY 2016 is a step in that direction, and

WHEREAS, municipalities are a policital subdivision of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, boroughs and cities can only raise their own money through increased taxes and/or fees; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough uses our share of these funds to provide basic services from the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Assembly of Petersburg, Alaska that we support Governor Walker's proposed FY 2016 Revenue Sharing Program appropriation of \$57 million and ask that the Alaska Legislature not reduce that appropriation.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on March 2, 2015.

	Mark Jensen, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Debra K. Thompson, Clerk	