



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

PROCLAMATION

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**AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE  
HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, in 1990 Congress passed legislation which called upon the President to designate November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, President Reagan noted “Many of the foods we eat and medicines and remedies we use were introduced by Indians, and that Indians make contributions in every area of endeavor in American life, and countless American Indians have served in our Armed Forces”; and

**WHEREAS**, archeology demonstrates that Alaska Native indigenous peoples have inhabited Alaska for ten thousand years including here in Southeast Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Ketchikan Indian Community reports that their membership represents 90 different American Indian and Alaska Native tribes; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Native and American Indian students represent 34% of the student population in our school district;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education proclaims November 2020 as **American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month** in our schools, and encourages everyone to honor the traditional peoples of this land.

Dated this 11th day of November 2020

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By Kim Hodne, President, KGB Board of Education