



**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

PROCLAMATION
to recognize **September 2024** as

National Recovery Month

WHEREAS, the impact of mental and/or substance use disorders is apparent in our local community, and many people who live in Ketchikan, Alaska are affected by these conditions; and

WHEREAS, suicide and overdoses are epidemics that can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, personal recovery is a way of living a satisfying, hopeful and contributing life even with the limitations caused by illness; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and maintain long-term recovery, the Ketchikan School District encourages the Ketchikan community to participate in activities that aim to lower the stigma attached to substance abuse and mental health disorders; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Education on behalf of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District hereby encourages the members of the community to recognize September as National Recovery month and to participate in programs, activities, and ceremonies including the Stomp the Stigma Recovery March and Resource Rally on Saturday September 14, 2024.

Dated this 28th day of August 2024

By Stephen Bradford, President,
Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education