



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

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**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
May 2024**

**WHEREAS, Alaska has a rich cultural history that includes the values of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and**

**WHEREAS, the culture of our communities is comprised of many languages, beliefs, and traditions that strengthen the social fabric of our diverse state; and**

**WHEREAS, we respect the heritage and traditions of all cultures in Alaska, and we are proud to be Alaskans with a diverse ethnic heritage; and**

**WHEREAS, generations of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have contributed to our state through their hard work and love of family and friends, and we are grateful for their service in our military and for protecting our Constitution and freedoms; and**

**WHEREAS, on May 25, 2024, we have an opportunity to experience Pacific Islander culture through the Pacific Island Cultural Flag Day celebration, held to commemorate the first raising of the American Flag on Tutuila Island in the American Samoa on April 17, 1900. We also have the opportunity to remember the first Japanese citizens who came to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to honor the numerous Chinese workers who helped lay the tracks of the transcontinental railroad, which was completed on May 10, 1869; and**

**WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is an occasion to recognize and appreciate the history, culture, and achievements of Alaska's Asian and Pacific Island Americans.**

**NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District hereby proclaims May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourages everyone to recognize and learn about the Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures and the contributions that they have made to our schools, our state and our nation.**

**Signed on this 24th day of April 2024, by**

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**Keenan Sanderson, Vice President, KGBSD Board of Education**