



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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1976, as Americans celebrated the national bicentennial, President Gerald Ford urged the nation to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history" and for the first time, Black History Month was celebrated nationwide; and

WHEREAS, President Ford's words rang true to the nation, and in that spirit, decades later, we stop to recognize and celebrate the incredible roles African Americans have played in Alaska's history, and their many contributions to the wellbeing of our state; and

WHEREAS, this month the State of Alaska honors our African American neighbors, their accomplishments and contributions, and together we celebrate the distinct influence they have on the cultural fabric of our Great State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District joins with the GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, in proclaiming February 2023 as

Black History Month

in Alaska and we encourage all Alaskans to recognize the continuing impact African Americans have on our State and the lasting contributions they bring to the success of our communities.

Dated this 8th day of February 2023

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



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NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S WEEK

WHEREAS, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and

WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school;

Therefore, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District's Board of Education, hereby joins the Nation proclaiming February 6–10, 2023, as

National School Counselor's Week

Dated this 8th Day of February 2023

**by Stephen Bradford, President,
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