



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROCLAMATION

ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich is a 1931 graduate of Ketchikan High School; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich was an advocate on behalf of all Alaska Natives for the right to live freely; and

WHEREAS, in 1941 Elizabeth and Roy Peratrovich petitioned the territorial governor to prohibit public places from posting “no natives allowed” signs that were common in Alaska during that time; and

WHEREAS, her advocacy was credited as being instrumental in the passing of Alaska’s Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945, the first state or territorial anti-discrimination law enacted in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this legislation was signed into law nearly 20 years before the United States Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the Alaska Legislature established February 16 as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day, as it was the day the Anti-Discrimination Act was signed in 1945.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education, we do hereby recognize February 16, 2025, as

Elizabeth Peratrovich Day

and encourage everyone associated with the district to honor and celebrate her life and contributions to freedom and equality.

Dated this 12th day of February

By Michelle O'Brien, President,
Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education