

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCLAMATION JANUARY 2025

TITAN LINNE

WHEREAS, Titan Linne, a senior at Ketchikan High School, demonstrated exceptional athleticism and sportsmanship at the 2024 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska Wrestling State Championships; and

WHEREAS, Linne, inspired by the accomplishments of his brothers, Brayden and Degan, and motivated by their unwavering support, overcame adversity and achieved a remarkable victory in the 125-pound Division I championship match; and

WHEREAS, Linne, facing a highly-regarded and undefeated opponent, Titus Watts, fell behind early in the match but displayed incredible resilience and determination, executing a series of crucial reversals, including a key reversal in the first period that shifted the momentum of the match; and

WHEREAS, Linne, utilizing strategic techniques honed through practice with his brothers, effectively countered Watts' attempts to gain control, demonstrating exceptional wrestling acumen and a deep understanding of the sport; and

WHEREAS, Titan Linne was rightfully recognized as the Division I boys Most Outstanding Wrestler, a testament to his exceptional performance, sportsmanship, and the unwavering support of his family and coach; and

WHEREAS, the Kayhi Wrestling Team is led by Coach Matt Hamilton, who has been the head wrestling coach in Ketchikan for 4 seasons now and is aided by Assistant Coach Brock Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Coach Hamilton describes Linne as a resilient and inventive wrestler who truly came into his own this year. Through off-season training and sparring with some of the toughest alumni from Kayhi, he transformed both on and off the mat. Titan's willingness to learn and adapt made him more teachable and responsive. Throughout the season, he embraced correction as an opportunity and learned from his missteps, solidifying him as one of the most inspirational wrestlers Hamilton has had the opportunity to coach; and

WHEREAS, Titan Linne's achievement exemplifies the dedication, hard work, and perseverance required to excel in athletics; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor Titan Linne for his extraordinary accomplishments and to recognize his contributions to the Ketchikan High School wrestling program;

NOW, THEREFORE, Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District, wishes to formally recognize Titan Linne for his successful 2024 wrestling season, his dedication to his training and his tremendous win in the 125-pound division as State Champion; and hereby convey this very special recognition by way of this proclamation.

Dated this 15th day of January 2025

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