

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 3

MEETING OF September 23, 2020

ITEM TITLE: **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Attached is a proclamation regarding International Peace Day and Ketchikan High School's events for Kings for Peace. The City and Borough mayors have signed a joint proclamation regarding International Peace Day. Students will be at the School Board meeting to speak about Kings for Peace Week.



**Ketchikan High School  
Student Body Association and Kayhi Rotary Interact**

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH ASSEMBLY & KETCHIKAN CITY COUNCIL JOINT  
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all people and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples;" and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the students and staff of Ketchikan High School created *Kings For Peace* and planted a peace pole featuring the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in six languages reflective of Ketchikan's traditional and contemporary culture to serve as a visual reminder of the importance of global peace; and

WHEREAS, since 2017, the students and staff of Ketchikan High School have initiated a series of *Kings For Peace* events as a way to celebrate youth and community members who invest their energies and dedicate their actions to make a positive difference; and

WHEREAS, the students of Ketchikan High School challenge the citizens of Ketchikan and the surrounding communities to work toward shaping peace together by promoting respect, compassion, strategic planning, sharing goods and information, and regular and robust community dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan High School supports these ideals and is committed to helping its students prepare for and participate in Peace Day activities, learn skills needed to resolve conflicts peacefully, and cultivate a sense of active citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2020 International Day of Peace is "Shaping Peace Together":

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly and the Ketchikan City Council does hereby proclaim September 21 as Kings For Peace Day, and supports the students of Ketchikan High School's efforts to promote peace throughout our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly and Ketchikan City Council recognizes the importance of the International Day of Peace and encourages all citizens to reflect upon the importance of peace, kindness, and nonviolence.