



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

PROCLAMATION

to Declare JUNE 2022 as

PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District is a diverse community that embraces people of all races, creeds, colors, backgrounds, sexual orientations, and gender identities; and;

WHEREAS, every June, communities across the United States celebrate the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer-identified; people commemorate those individuals who fight to secure equality, who experienced discrimination and have historically been disenfranchised of rights afforded to other Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District joins with other communities to celebrate the rights of equality and freedom secured through the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identified people, as well as all those affected by discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District recognizes the work of local advocates and organizations like the Ketchikan Pride Alliance, The Ketchikan Queer Collective, The Ketchikan Youth Alliance, WISH, Kayhi GSA and The Wellness Coalition; and

WHEREAS, The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District recognizes the existing disparities between LGBTQ and Non-LGBTQ People in the realms of health, employment, the justice system, and law enforcement interactions, education, housing, and immigration, and;

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District is committed to strengthening antidiscrimination protections for all KGBSD students and staff, and recognizes the resilience and determination of many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically.

NOW THEREFORE, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District hereby proclaims June 2022 PRIDE MONTH in the district and affirms our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people, and to dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us. The district invites all community members to take the time to celebrate the valuable contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community who enrich the diversity and vitality of our school district.

Dated this 8th day of June 2022

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