

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 3

MEETING OF February 9, 2022

Item Title:

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Superintendent Finalists - The three finalists for the permanent superintendent position have been invited to the School Board meeting and may be in attendance. Those individuals are: current Interim Superintendent Melissa Johnson, Dr. Gregory Fowler of Arizona, and Michael Robbins of Toksook Bay, Alaska.

Elizabeth Peratrovich Day - February 16

A proclamation is attached, adapted from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough's proclamation.

Black History Month - February

A proclamation is attached, based on that issued by Governor Mike Dunleavy.



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PROCLAMATION

ELIZABETH PERATROVICH DAY

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, we do hereby recognize February 16, 2022, 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 9th day of January 2022

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



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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 2022 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 9th day of January 2022

By Stephen Bradford, President,
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