

Official Proclamation

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WHEREAS, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed a resolution adopting a flag for our new Nation — the United States of America. The resolution specified 13 alternating red and white stripes with 13 stars on a blue field. The stars represented the colonies that declared independence, and in the years since, they have grown into 50 United States, which comprise our great country today; and

WHEREAS, on Flag Day and during National Flag Week, we celebrate the journey of progress represented in our banner and pay tribute to the inspiration it gives Americans at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, our flag belongs to all Americans, and its red, white, and blue colors are woven into a rich tapestry of different cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs which connects us and honors our shared history; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War to the modern age, American Service members have fought bravely under the symbol of our flag, and those who give the last full measure of devotion are wrapped in its broad stripes and bright stars as they are laid to rest. We honor those who serve our country in uniform and pay homage to those who have made that ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, every day, the American Flag instills pride — reminding us of the ideals upon which our Nation was founded and the values for which we stand. As we pledge our allegiance to the Star-Spangled Banner, and the legacy it holds in our history, let us continue the work of perfecting our Union so that, together, we can deliver the promise of America for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan City Council urges all Americans to observe Flag Day and National Flag Week by displaying the flag and honoring all of our brave service members and revering those who gave their last full measure of devotion to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Janalee Gage, Vice-Mayor of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, do hereby proclaim June 9-15, 2024

National Flag Week and Flag Day

encourage the people of the United States to observe with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day, as a time to honor the American spirit, to celebrate our history and the foundational values we strive to uphold, and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Signed this 6th day of June 2024

Janalee Gage, Vice-Mayor

City of Ketchikan, Alaska