

Official Proclamation

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WHEREAS, the story of America's Indigenous peoples is a story of their resilience and survival; of their persistent commitment to their right to self-governance; and of their determination to preserve cultures, identities, and ways of life; and

WHEREAS, today, Indigenous peoples are a beacon of resilience, strength, and perseverance as well as a source of incredible contributions; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples and Tribal Nations continue to practice their cultures, remember their heritages, and pass down their histories from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples challenge all of us to celebrate the good, confront the bad, and tell the whole truth of our history, and as innovators, educators, engineers, scientists, artists, and leaders in every sector of society, Indigenous peoples contribute to our shared prosperity; and

WHEREAS, we express our deep gratitude for the brave Native Americans who have served and continue to serve in the United States military, recognizing their sacrifices and contributions, and acknowledging their vital roles during many conflicts in our nation's past; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, may we renew the enduring soul of our Nation-to-Nation relationships — a spirit of friendship, stewardship, and respect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan celebrates the invaluable contributions and resilience of Indigenous peoples and recognizes their inherent sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, their diverse cultures and communities today are a testament to the unshakable and unbreakable commitment of many generations to preserve their cultures, identities, and rights to self-governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Kiffer, Mayor of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2024, as

Indigenous People's Day

In Ketchikan, Alaska and encourage all people in Alaska to join in this special observance.

Signed this 3rd day of October 2024

Dave Kiffer, Mayor

City of Ketchikan, Alaska