

Official Proclamation

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WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan is a welcoming community and committed to all residents we serve; and

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, non-binary, and asexual (LGBTQIA2+) people are valued members of the community of Ketchikan; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is celebrated in the Month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City, when police raided the Stonewall Inn – a gay bar – and for six days clashed with LGBTQIA2+ protestors, who bravely stood their ground. Their courage sparked a civil rights movement for the liberation of the LGBTQIA2+ community and changed our Nation forever; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month provides educational awareness, visibility and dignity for the LGBTQIA2+ people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, the Nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that each individual has equal rights to their life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan recognizes the vital role in the passing of the anti-discrimination ordinance of 2020 to strengthen and expand our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion for all residents.

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

Pride Month

And affirm our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people and dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us. We invite all community members to take the time to celebrate the valuable contributions of the LGBTQIA2+ community who enrich the diversity and vitality of our neighborhoods, institutions, businesses, and government organizations.

Signed this 6th day of June 2024

Janalee Gage, Vice-Mayor

City of Ketchikan, Alaska