

Official Proclamation

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WHEREAS, the impact of mental and/or substance use disorders is apparent in our local community, and many people who live in Ketchikan, Alaska are affected by these conditions; and

WHEREAS, everyday someone's life is directly affected by untreated mental illness and substance use disorders, whether by death by overdose, suicide or dysfunction in their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, suicide is an epidemic that can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, as people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental illness and/or substance use disorders, they can help lead others who experience such disorders into needed treatment; and

WHEREAS, by seeking help, people who experience mental health and/or substance use disorders can embark on a new path toward improved health and overall wellness for themselves and their families and maintain long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, encourage the Ketchikan community to participate in activities that aim to lower the stigma attached to substance use and mental health disorders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Kiffer, Mayor of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH & SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

and I hereby encourage the members of the community to recognize September as National Recovery Month, and to participate in programs, activities, and ceremonies including the Stomp the Stigma Recovery March and Resource Rally on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

Signed this 1st day of September, 2022

Dave Kiffer, Mayor

City of Ketchikan, Alaska