



MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY  
PROCLAMATION

**Skagway's 2023 PRIDE Festival**

**From: Friday, June 2, 2023 through Sunday June 4, 2023**

**WHEREAS:** The Municipality of Skagway adopted Resolution 17-16R, affirming its commitment to welcoming all people to the community, including but not limited to: persons of all nations, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, socioeconomic classes, political leanings, abilities, physical limitations, gender identities, and sexual orientation; and to fostering diversity, equality, justice, and respect for all; and

**WHEREAS:** The Stonewall Riots took place in June of 1969 and served as a catalyst for the rights of LGBTQIA+ people; and

**WHEREAS:** June is recognized worldwide as PRIDE month; a time for the LGBTQIA+ community to advocate for equal rights and benefits, and is an affirmation of self and community; and

**WHEREAS:** PRIDE celebrations continue a longstanding tradition of raising awareness about the ongoing challenges faced by the LGBTQIA+ community, improving the attitudes of society, and encouraging inclusiveness; and

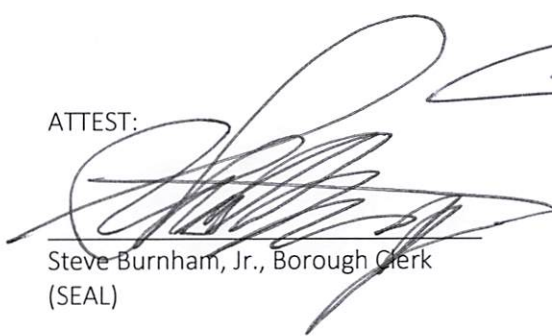
**WHEREAS:** A PRIDE festival is an event that promotes LGBTQIA+ dignity, equal rights, self-affirmation; and

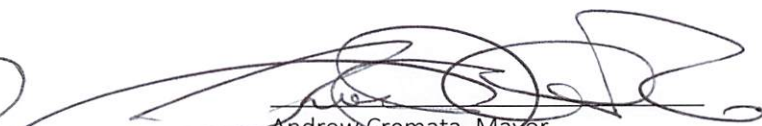
**WHEREAS:** A grassroots group of Skagway citizens has produced a yearly PRIDE event since 2019, with a mission, "To show support for LGBTQIA+ people with a fabulous and fun community celebration that spreads awareness through love and acceptance"; and

**WHEREAS:** The Skagway PRIDE event has grown every year and the producers wish to have a kickoff event that involves closing Broadway between 6th and 7th Avenues and allowing artisans and vendors to show and offer for sale items appropriate to the theme of the festival;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Andrew Cremata, Mayor of the Municipality of Skagway, do hereby proclaim the "2023 PRIDE Festival" as Friday, June 2, 2023 through Sunday, June 4, 2023 in Skagway and encourage all residents and visitors of the Skagway area to participate in the festivities.

ATTEST:

  
Steve Burnham, Jr., Borough Clerk  
(SEAL)

  
Andrew Cremata, Mayor

