

## MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY PROCLAMATION

## Skagway's 2024 PRIDE Festival Saturday, June 1, 2024

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: 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 allow artisans and vendors to show and offer for sale items appropriate to the theme of the festival.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Samuel Bass, Mayor of the Municipality of Skagway, do hereby proclaim the "2024 PRIDE Festival" as Saturday, June 1, 2024.

ATTEST:	Samuel Bass, Mayor	
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Steve Burnham, Jr., Borough Clerk (SEAL)		