



MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY
PROCLAMATION

Skagway's Independence Day Festival
July 4th of Each Year

WHEREAS: over 200 years ago, a group of visionaries, our founding fathers, set out to establish a new and independent nation, unlike any other, based on the philosophies of a representative democracy – affirming and safeguarding each citizen's right to pursue their own destiny and happiness; and

WHEREAS: the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, by the Second Continental Congress secured and permanently cemented these principles by the founding of the United States of America and provided a framework for a balanced and accountable government and society that prioritized the freedom and wellbeing of the citizenry not only from outside forces, but also from their own governing bodies; and

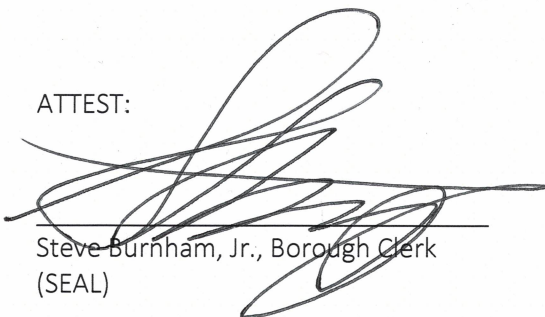
WHEREAS: our nation's founders demonstrated their love for liberty, and proved their devotion by risking everything, being willing to lay down their lives for the freedoms underscored in the Declaration of Independence and the safeguards that would be detailed in the Constitution. Throughout our history, Americans have been unwavering in their efforts to build and preserve a country of liberty, freedom, and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS: our people and our freedom have been, and continue to be, defended daily by the selfless and dedicated men and women of the United States Armed Forces. We will always owe a debt of honor and gratitude to the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice for each one of us, and we recognize the service of all our veterans, active-duty service members, reservists, National Guard members, and their families. Our military members' bravery and sacrifice serves to carry forward the principles established by our founding fathers, and afford us continued freedom and peace; and

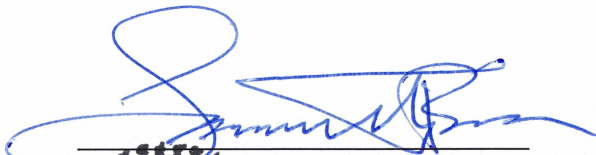
WHEREAS: this Fourth of July, as we commemorate the signing of our nation's Declaration of Independence and celebrate our exceptional liberties, let us take time to reflect on the significance and true cost of our freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Samuel Bass, Mayor of the Municipality of Skagway, do hereby proclaim the "Independence Day" a festival in Skagway and encourage all residents and visitors of the Skagway area to participate in the festivities.

ATTEST:



Steve Burnham, Jr., Borough Clerk
(SEAL)



Samuel Bass, Mayor

