

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City & Borough of Sitka

Proclamation

70th Anniversary of Mt. Edgecumbe High School

WHEREAS, Mt. Edgecumbe High School was established in 1947 after the federal government turned over a military base to the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs with the first graduating class in 1948; and

WHEREAS, although closed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1983, with immense grassroots advocacy from all over Alaska, the State of Alaska assumed responsibility for the school in 1984, reopening for all Alaska students regardless of their backgrounds with priority given to rural students in the fall of 1985; and

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 students have graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School that have come from all over Alaska representing all Alaska Native groups; and

WHEREAS, those students have become contributors and leaders in business, health care, education, natural resource development and management, law enforcement, military, cultural revitalization, and local, state and tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Edgecumbe High School continues to serve as an essential education option for Alaska students with the value going beyond the education of any individual as it serves as a unifier of people across Alaska. The students become lifelong friends, colleagues, and family, which provides great benefits for the entire State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, does hereby proclaim appreciation for *Mt. Edgecumbe High School* in recognition of their 70th anniversary.

Signed and sealed this 14th day of February, 2017.



Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk

