FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION 2019-08:

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, parenthood, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran status; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals in the LGBTQ community, globally, nationally, and locally have made substantial contributions and accomplishments in our community; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community is a growing asset to the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District as students, staff members, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District strives to foster the protection and the involvement of diverse groups by allowing students to acknowledge the history and contributions of LGBTQ individuals, role models, and historical events from across the country and community; and

WHEREAS, all students and staff members will benefit from inclusion of LGBTQ history and culture; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies assert that providing internal protections for LGBTQ students and staff members directly promotes academic and social success, as well as safety and security; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District serves as a role model for inclusion, equity, protection, and representation for all of its students, staff members, and diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, October is federally recognized as National LGBTQ History Month, to expose the prejudice and discrimination that LGBTQ people face based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, and to celebrate their diversity and accomplishments from a source of empowerment and engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education joins others in recognizing October 2018 as National LGBTQ History Month and encourages schools throughout the district to promote a community where all students and staff feel supported and affirmed.

Passed and Approved: October 16, 2018

Heidi Haas, President Board of Education

ATTEST:

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