



2025 Grand Marshals

Lindsey & Earl Banning – 2025 Anchorage Pride Parade Grand Marshals

Lindsey and Earl Banning are passionate advocates for LGBTQ+ rights and co-founders of Alaskans for Trans Youth (AFTY), a grassroots volunteer group dedicated to empowering and protecting transgender and gender nonconforming youth in Alaska. Since relocating to Alaska in 2022 with their two children as part of an active-duty military family, Lindsey and Earl have continued the advocacy they began in Ohio—organizing pride celebrations, educating communities, and defending trans youth from harmful legislation.

Motivated by Lindsey’s experience as a queer parent to a trans teen, both have worked tirelessly to create inclusive, intersectional spaces through testimony at legislative hearings, organizing statewide advocacy fly-ins, collaborating with national partners like Advocates for Trans Equality, and contributing thought pieces to national media. For Lindsey and Earl, this work is personal and transformative—a deeply human commitment to ensuring that all youth, especially trans youth, are safe, seen, and celebrated.

Mary Peltola – 2025 Anchorage Pride Parade Grand Marshal

Mary Peltola made history in 2022 as the first Alaska Native to serve in Congress, the first woman to represent our great state in the House, and the first Alaskan-born individual to serve in this esteemed chamber. She spent her time in Congress as a tireless advocate for LGBTQ+ rights in Alaska, fighting to keep all Alaskans safe, welcomed, and accepted. Mary is dedicated to building an Alaska where all families can stay in Alaska, raise their kids in Alaska, and watch their grandkids grow up in Alaska.

The Anchorage Pride Parade and Alaskans Together Foundation is proud to have Lindsey, Earl and Mary as this year’s grand marshals!

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Alaskans Together Foundation (ATF) is a 501[c][3] organization with the mission to advance civil equality for all Alaskans through grassroots organizing and advocacy, with a primary focus on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) Alaskans. ATF aims to provide educational resources and support for the community to ensure that everyone is informed and empowered to advocate for their rights.