

Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson wrote In 1776: “We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”; and,

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 27 million men, women, and children are enslaved around the world; and,

WHEREAS, there are more people bound in slavery than at any other time in recent history; and,

WHEREAS, slavery occurs when one person completely controls another person, using violence or the threat of violence to maintain that control, exploit them economically, pays them nothing and restricts their ability to leave; and,

WHEREAS, slavery is happening today across the globe, in 161 countries, including our own; and,

WHEREAS, today, the practice of slavery is “on the books” illegal in every country in the world; and,

WHEREAS, in the United States it is estimated between 14,000 and 17,500 people are trafficked annually; and,

WHEREAS, the End it Movement is a coalition of global partners committed to ending slavery worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, the End it Movement is driven to spread awareness of the issue of modern-day slavery by encouraging people to draw a red X on your hand on February 7th 2019; and,

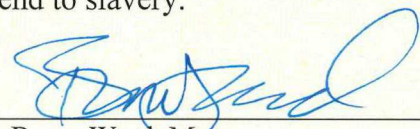
WHEREAS, no person should be bound by the bonds of slavery.

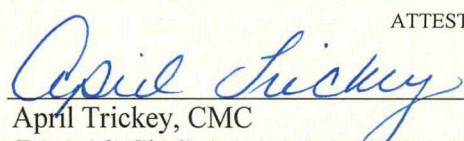
NOW, THEREFORE, we, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Jim Matherly, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and Michael Welch, Mayor of the City of North Pole do hereby proclaim:

FEBRUARY 7th as SHINE A LIGHT ON SLAVERY DAY

And call upon the people of the Fairbanks North Star Borough to spread awareness of this global issue and call for an end to slavery.




Bryce Ward, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

ATTEST:

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk