Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City of Fairbanks, and the City of North Pole recognize that the decisions and actions of the present affect our future; and

WHEREAS, all species play a unique role in the complex web of life and contribute to the ecosystem services on which all life on Earth depends, and hence, protecting our species is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, wild animal populations have declined on average by more than half and the Earth is facing an era of mass extinction; and

WHEREAS, the loss of species is for the most part a result of human activity, including degradation of ecosystems, deforestation, pollution, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to cooperate locally and internationally to defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to expand and diversify the global environmental movement to achieve maximum progress; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments and sustainability efforts;

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 April 22, 2022 as:

Earth Day

And encourage all of its citizens, businesses, and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and promote the protection of our species.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 19th day of April 2022.

Bryce Ward, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

Jim Matherly, Mayor
City of Fairbanks

Michael Welch, Mayor
City of North Pole

ATTEST:
April Frickey, MMC
Borough Clerk