Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, we honor the fallen heroes who died in service; with a sense of profound gratitude, we remember the sacrifices our service men and women, parents, children, loved ones, comrades-in-arms, friends, and all those known and unknown; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers recognize their duty to serve the people of Alaska by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Gabe Rich and Trooper Sgt. Scott Johnson died while performing their duties on May 1, 2014 in service to the State of Alaska and will be remembered for their sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, it is valuable for Alaska’s youth to understand the significance of the contributions that are made by service members while on duty protecting the freedoms that our citizens enjoy today and the relevance of those contributions to the history of our state; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Pole, the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough created a memorial park in remembrance of all local public employees who have lost their lives while in service to others; and

WHEREAS, it is a privilege to express our eternal appreciation and admiration to all of our service members, whose sacrifices should serve as a constant reminder of the high price of liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and I, Jim Matherly, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and I, Michael Welch, Mayor of the City of North Pole, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim now and in perpetuity July 27th, as

Fallen Heroes Day

And urge all citizens to remember and pay tribute to those who, when called upon to do so, courageously served our country, our state and our community as public servants. This day provides an opportunity for all citizens of the Fairbanks North Star Borough to take time to show respect and appreciation for the brave men and women who risked their lives each day when they report to work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 22nd day of July 2021.

Bryce Ward, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

Jim Matherly, Mayor
City of Fairbanks

Michael Welch, Mayor
City of North Pole

April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk