Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the nation celebrates the week of June 17th as National Professional Waste and Recycling Workers Week; and

WHEREAS, the earliest garbage regulation efforts began in 3000 B.C. when the first landfill was developed in Crete, where large holes were dug for refuse; and

WHEREAS, since that time, sanitation workers have worked selflessly and tirelessly in all types of environments and at risk to themselves, to provide sanitation services to protect our communities and residents, prevent disease, and keep our community clean, safe and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, the eradication of many diseases in the Western World is due in large part to higher public sanitation standards resulting from effective garbage disposal; and

WHEREAS, the solid waste industry is considered essential, and its workers have been on the front line, without failure, making sure waste is collected and disposed of since the onset of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Borough men and women employed in the waste and recycling industries make significant contributions to the safety, health, and welfare of our residents by processing thousands of tons of garbage and recycling annually; and

WHEREAS, Recycling workers provide our community and our planet with an invaluable service that conserves our precious resources and reduces our impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough values and celebrates all the trash collectors, dumpster haulers, sewage workers, street cleaners, and all others employed in the sanitation industry to serve residents and local businesses.

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:

June 14-18, 2021
As Waste and Recycling Workers Week

And thank all those in the solid waste and recycling industry for their dedication and hard work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 7th day of June 2021.

Bryce Ward, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

Jim Matherly, Mayor
City of Fairbanks

Michael Welch, Mayor
City of North Pole

Attest
April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk