Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872 Julius Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture that a special day, called Arbor Day, be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, with millions of trees planted as a direct result of this uniquely American holiday; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce erosion, assist in lowering home heating and cooling costs, moderate outdoor and indoor temperatures, clean the air, produce oxygen, slow the rate of global climate change, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees increase property values, enhance the vitality of business areas, beautify our community and contribute in numerous ways to our local economy; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of inspiration and renewal; and

WHEREAS, the third Monday of May has been officially designated as Arbor Day by the Alaska State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the third Monday of May this year falls on May 17th.

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, Alaska, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim:

May 17, 2021 as Arbor Day

and urge all citizens to support efforts to responsibly manage our trees and woodlands; and further encourage all citizens to plant trees to improve our communities and promote the well-being of this and future generations of Alaskans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on this 12th day of May 2021.

[Signatures]

Attest:
April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk