WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King’s teachings continue to inspire and guide us as we address challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service with leading this effort; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS, serving others on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, as well as bring our citizens together and strengthen our communities and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on this day and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service projects are being organized by a wide range of non-profit and community organizations, educational institutions, public agencies, private businesses, and other organizations across our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, each of us can and must contribute to making our communities better with increased opportunities for all of our citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, hereby proclaim the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday as a Day of Service and call upon the people of the Fairbanks North Star Borough to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., through participation in community service projects on this day and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of January 2021.

[Signature]
Bryce Ward, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

Attest:

[Signature]
April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk