Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks, the City of North Pole, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough has great admiration and respect for the many Armed Forces veterans and active duty military members who contribute to the strength and vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of our veterans have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for being wounded or killed while selflessly serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military decoration currently in use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal was the first American military award or decoration awarded to the common soldier and is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, many men and women of our great community have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, which has been recognized as a singularly meritorious act of selfless service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks, City of North Pole, and Fairbanks North Star Borough wish to publicly recognize and honor the sacrifices of the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the three local Mayors proudly proclaim Fairbanks and North Pole as Purple Heart Cities to honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, wounded or killed in armed conflict, while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. We also declare today:

August 7th, 2020
as
National Purple Heart Day

In the entire Fairbanks North Star Borough and urge all citizens to join in honoring Purple Heart Recipients.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 5th day of August 2020.

Bryce Ward, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

Jim Matheny, Mayor
City of Fairbanks

Michael Welch, Mayor
City of North Pole

ATTEST:
April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk