Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) syndrome is characterized by the absence of a bone called the radius in each forearm and a shortage (deficiency) of blood cells involved in clotting (platelets); and

WHEREAS, This platelet deficiency (thrombocytopenia) usually appears during infancy and becomes less severe over time, in some cases the platelet levels become normal; and

WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia prevents normal blood clotting, resulting in easy bruising and frequent nosebleeds. Potentially life-threatening episodes of severe bleeding (hemorrhages) may occur in the brain and other organs, especially during the first year of life; and

WHEREAS, Hemorrhages can damage the brain and lead to intellectual disability. Affected children who survive this period and do not have damaging hemorrhages in the brain usually have a normal life expectancy and normal intellectual development; and

WHEREAS, The severity of skeletal problems in TAR syndrome varies among affected individuals. The radius, which is the bone on the thumb side of the forearm, is almost always missing in both arms. The other bone in the forearm, which is called the ulna, is sometimes underdeveloped or absent in one or both arms; and

WHEREAS, TAR syndrome is unusual among similar malformations in that affected individuals have thumbs, while people with other conditions involving an absent radius typically do not. However, there may be other abnormalities of the hands, such as webbed or fused fingers (syndactyly) or curved pinky fingers (fifth finger clinodactyly). Some people with TAR syndrome also have skeletal abnormalities affecting the upper arms, legs, or hip sockets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, do hereby proclaim:

November 2020
As
TAR Syndrome Awareness Month

And all citizens are encouraged to raise awareness and support those living with or suffering from TAR Syndrome

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of November 2020.

[Signature]
Bryce Ward
Mayor

ATTEN:
[Signature]
April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk