WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as Alaska have occupied these lands since time immemorial, and Alaska is built upon the homelands and communities of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without which the building of the state would not be possible; and

WHEREAS, As Mayors, we value the many contributions made to our community through indigenous peoples knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough joins a growing number of cities that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, creating an opportunity to promote appreciation, tolerance, understanding, friendship, and partnerships among indigenous peoples and all Brough residents; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough, City of Fairbanks, and City of North Pole will observe Indigenous Peoples Day on October 12, 2020, as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the history, culture and contributions of indigenous peoples in our community.

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, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim October 12th, 2020 as:

Indigenous Peoples Day

And encourage all residents to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region and to continue efforts to promote the well-being and growth of Alaska's Indigenous community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 12th day of October 2020.

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