WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), establishing a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2008, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act (ADAAA) was passed to fulfill the legacy of guaranteeing civil rights to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in five Americans living with a disability have expanded opportunities due to the ADA reducing barriers, changing perceptions and increasing full participation in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as embodied in the ADA and Alaska Statutes; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations in Fairbanks and Alaska, including the Equal Rights Commission and the ADA Advisory Commission, work in our community to bring forth the promise of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities that was envisioned with the passage of the ADA.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Jim Matherly, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and Michael Welch, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim:

July 26, 2020
As the
30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

and do hereby reaffirm to continue to work toward full ADA compliance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 14th day of July 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