

*Office of the Mayor*  
*Fairbanks North Star Borough*  
*Alaska*  
**Proclamation**

*WHEREAS, our Nation and our Commonwealth were founded upon, and operate according to, certain principles regarding the basic rights of all people; and*

*WHEREAS, the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution are referred to as the Bill of Rights, which were ratified by Congress on December 15, 1791; and*

*WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights affirms the freedom and equality of all Americans and clearly establishes the protection of these essential human liberties as the founding basis of our Government; and*

*WHEREAS, we are committed to freedom and liberty, cherish the value of free speech, equal justice, religious tolerance, and steadfastly oppose the forces of cruelty, injustice, and tyranny; and*

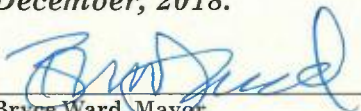
*WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights energizes our military defense when American servicemen and women swear an oath to preserve and defend the United States Constitution, which includes the Bill of Rights; when American military personnel fight and die for our country, they do so to protect our rights and freedoms; and*

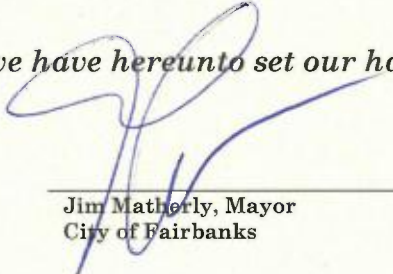
*WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson stated "A Bill of Rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on Earth."*

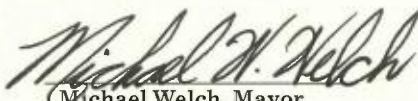
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and I, Jim Matherly, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and I, Michael Welch, Mayor of the City of North Pole, Alaska, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim:*

*December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as Bill of Rights Day*


*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on this 1st day of December, 2018.*

  
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

