

*Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska*

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year during the Christmas holiday season, we spend time with family and friends, observing cherished traditions, decorating our homes, and spreading joy; and

WHEREAS, millions of compassionate people take time during the holidays to help those who are hurt, to feed those who are hungry, and provide shelter to those in need; and

WHEREAS, all people are encouraged to give back to those in need, and to share the holiday spirit in their communities; and

WHEREAS, we also remember our brave men and women in uniform who have volunteered to defend us in distant lands; they have answered the call of duty and will spend Christmas far from home and separated from family; and

WHEREAS, we honor their service and their sacrifice and ask God to watch over them and their families, and pray for their safe return; and

WHEREAS, during the Christmas season, our thoughts turn to the source of joy and hope born in a humble manger on a holy night more than 2,000 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the simple story of Christmas speaks to every generation and holds a sense of wonder and surprise; and


WHEREAS, it is recognized that not everyone celebrates the Christmas holiday, however the spirit of compassion, gratitude and love can be celebrated year round, and

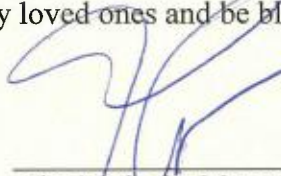
WHEREAS, the lighting of the unity candle is a way in which mankind can come together to celebrate this joyous occasion.

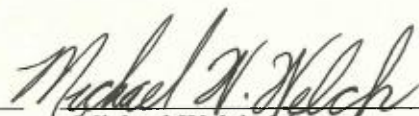
NOW, THEREFORE, we, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Jim Matherly, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and Michael Welch, Mayor of the City of North Pole do hereby affirm:

DECEMBER 25th as CHRISTMAS DAY

And further proclaim this as a day of Unity and encourage all residents to spread love, joy, and kindness and send our best wishes and blessings for a Merry Christmas and a very happy holiday season. May you be surrounded by loved ones and be blessed throughout the holidays and the New Year.


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