

*Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska*

Proclamation

WHEREAS, hundreds of homeless youth in our community experience periods of homelessness each year, living from couch to couch, living on the streets, living in cars and in other locations not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, a high percentage of homeless youth have been physically, sexually and/or emotionally abused by their guardians and are frequently re-victimized and exploited while living on the streets; and

WHEREAS, homeless youth typically lack the means necessary to secure basic needs, including access to housing, food, clothing, and adequate and appropriate medical care; and

WHEREAS, due to their highly transitory nature, homeless youth face great difficulty in accessing, stabilizing and succeeding in school, thereby reducing the likelihood of successful graduation from high school; and

WHEREAS, youth homelessness is an ongoing and growing problem to which we need solutions and awareness of the tragedy of youth homelessness and its causes must be heightened to ensure greater support for effective programs aimed at preventing homelessness and helping youth remain off the streets; and

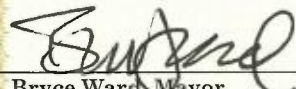
WHEREAS, compassionate citizens are key to preventing youth homelessness by acting as mentors and role models for youth, guiding them toward available resources, productive choices, and creating opportunities for youth to successfully transition to adulthood:

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:

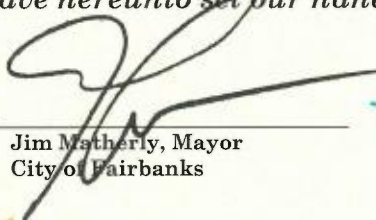
November 2018 as Homeless Youth Awareness Month

Throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and urge all residents to join in the efforts of the community-based, faith-based, and public organizations in our communities who are working diligently to increase public awareness of the life circumstances of youth in high-risk situations and advocate on behalf of, and provide a safety net, resources and support for youth, families, and communities.

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



Bryce Ward, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough



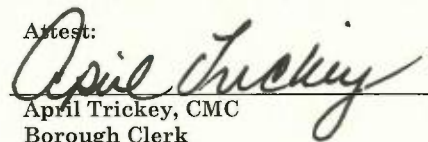
Jim Matherly, Mayor
City of Fairbanks



Michael Welch, Mayor
City of North Pole



Attest:



April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk