

# Office of the Mayor

## Fairbanks North Star Borough

### Alaska

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) is an integral part of the academic, economic and social health of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and*

*WHEREAS, UAF offers a broad range of high-quality workforce and academic programs that accommodate the needs and interests of students, from certificates and associate degrees to Ph.Ds; and*

*WHEREAS, the academic and professional goals attained by the UAF's graduates enhance the economic strength and quality of life in the Borough; and*

*WHEREAS, the employees of UAF are valued members of the Borough community, as homeowners, parents and volunteers, and whose economic impact on local businesses is significant; and*

*WHEREAS, UAF is itself an economic engine for the Borough and Alaska, in that every dollar invested in UAF research generates more than six dollars into the economy; and*

*WHEREAS, UAF provides education opportunities to the Borough's youngest citizens, through its outreach programs and its science, art and outdoor classes; and*

*WHEREAS, UAF also offers lifelong learning opportunities to those of advanced years and equally advanced interests and curiosity; and*

*WHEREAS, research conducted by UAF relates to some of the most pressing issues facing Alaska, including health, energy and responding to climate change; and*

*WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough takes great pride in being home to the Alaska Nanooks, the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra, the Festival of Native Arts, the UA museum of the North, and a myriad of other organizations with strong partnerships in the community, and with their own renown throughout Alaska, the Nation and the world; and*

*WHEREAS, UAF has educated Alaskans for more than 100 years, as mandated by the Alaska Constitution through the foresight of the state's early leaders to ensure the accessibility of higher education for all Alaskans; and*

*WHEREAS, Blue and Gold have been UAF's spirit colors since 1923, and every Friday is Blue and Gold Day; and*

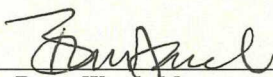
*WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough supports UAF and its many contributions to the Interior and State;*

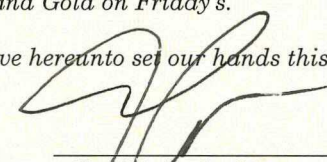
*NOW, THEREFORE, we, Bryce Ward, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Jim Matherly, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, and Michael Welch, Mayor of the City of North Pole, do hereby proclaim every Friday as:*

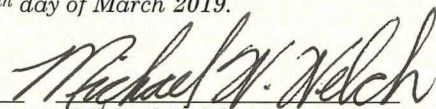
### *Blue and Gold Day*

*And encourage all residents to recognize the positive impact of UAF in our community and to personally support our UAF by wearing Blue and Gold on Friday's.*


*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.*

  
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

