



City of Bethel Proclamation

Recognizing the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation's contribution to a successful Operation Arctic Care Mission.

WHEREAS, Operation Arctic Care is an annual multiservice readiness exercise which began in 1996 and encompasses the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Reserve, Guard, and U.S. Public Health Service, offering health care and other services in remote locations;

WHEREAS, consisting of medical, dental, veterinary, specialty and optometry services, these men and woman from around the United States received necessary deployment training while providing free care to rural communities who otherwise would have to travel to Bethel to receive treatment;

WHEREAS, it took the collaboration of countless individuals in all of the participating communities to pull off this extensive operation;

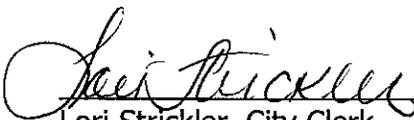
WHEREAS, the weather within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta was especially hostile during the start of the mission, making air travel to the remote villages difficult, leaving vital teams of service providers waiting for deployment in Bethel;

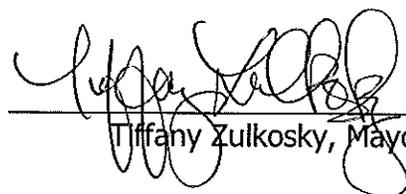
WHEREAS, contributions provided by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation allowed for the chartering of aircrafts to deploy the teams to remote communities around the region, as well as the establishment of a well-equipped Command Center in the Bethel administrative facility;

WHEREAS, several YK Delta residents ensured the success of Operation Arctic Care, including: Joseph Klejka, Jane Russell, Brian Lefferts, Jessica Horras, Ellen Hodges, Patricia Smith, Sue Hoeldt, David Hodges, Joseph Shawler, Matthew West, Brek Steele, Kelsey Hustedt, Brian Berube, Jeffrey Conner, Village Tribal Councils, Health Aides, and School Officials, and many others too numerous to name;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bethel City Council hereby recognizes the efforts of the many contributors to the success of the 2009 Operation Arctic Care.

Signed this 24th day in March, 2009.


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor