

Proclamation

Proclaiming October 7 - JOHN "DATU" SAMUELSON DAY

John "Datu" Samuelson was born on October 7, 1903 in Bristol Bay to Oscar and Katherine Samuelson. The Samuelson family settled in Napaskiak in 1905. His father started carrying mail in 1906, Datu started helping his father in 1926 at the age of 18. He continued for seven years.

Datu married Mary Hoffman in 1926. They met while he was delivering mail. Mary is the daughter of George Hoffman. Datu and Mary moved to Nunauchak and started a family with three children; Oscar, Jimmix, and Alice.

In 1947, the Samuelson store opened across Brown's Slough. It closed soon after Mary died. Datu remarried in 1986 to his present wife Song.

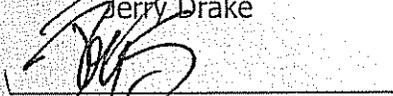
Datu has been a mail carrier, a fisherman, a store owner, and a inspiration to many dog mushers. He is a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle to many. He attributes his longevity to years of fresh air, lots of exercise, four to five hours of sleep per night, and plenty of work.

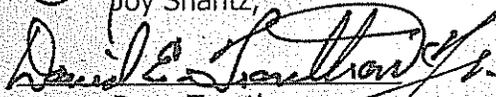
It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of John "Datu" Samuelson.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Bethel City Council, do recognize the day of October 7, 2003, as John "Datu" Samuelson Day.

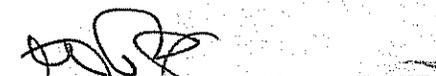
Signed this 30th day of September, 2003

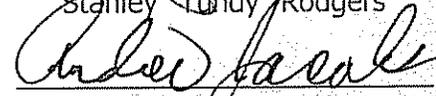

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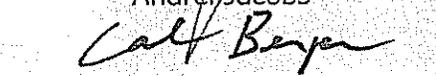

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