

Proclamation

Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race Week

January 22-29, 1995

Whereas, the first K-300 Sled Dog Race was held in 1980, attracting top mushers from around the state of Alaska, including Rick Swenson, Joe Redington, and Susan Butcher; and

Whereas, despite horrendous weather conditions, the 1980 K-300 Sled Dog Race paid a \$10,000 purse and was considered a success by everyone involved; and

Whereas, over the past 15 years, the K-300 race has steadily improved its stature within the sporting community by increasing prize monies, strengthening its organizational structure, and adding two additional races: the Bogus Creek 150 and the Akiak Dash; and

Whereas, by many measures, the K-300 now rates as the Number 2 Sled Dog Race in the world, but is considered Number 1 in terms of prize monies paid out, size and quality of the field and level of organization; and

Whereas, the total purse for the 1995 K-300 Sled Dog Race is \$108,500 and has once again attracted former Iditarod champions, including the defending Champion, Martin Buser; and

Whereas, the race receives support from the business community operating in the Bethel area and from numerous volunteers who serve as race workers, who open their homes to mushers and their families, and who donate financially to the race; and

Whereas, it is recognized that the K-300 Sled Dog Race generates favorable statewide publicity for the City of Bethel and the surrounding communities.

Now, therefore, in recognition of the pride demonstrated for the K-300 by the Bethel community, volunteers, sponsors and members of the race committee, I, Allan Wintersteen, Mayor of the City of Bethel, do hereby proclaim the week of January 22, 1995, as Kuskokwim-300 Sled Dog Race Week in Bethel;

And further, I call upon the people of the City of Bethel and the surrounding communities to demonstrate their support of this distinguished and celebrated event.



Allan Wintersteen
Allan Wintersteen, Mayor

ATTEST:
Connie Tucker
Connie Tucker, City Clerk