City of Bethel Proclamation

City of Bethel Fire Prevention

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Community; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States in 2006, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to nearly 400,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, Bethel's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Bethel's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Fire Prevention month theme, "It's Fire Prevention Month – Prevent Home Fires!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Month and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bethel City Council, do hereby proclaim October, 2008 as Fire Prevention Month throughout this community, and I urge all the people of Bethel to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Month 2008, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Bethel's fire and emergency services.

Signed this 14th day inOctober, 2008.

Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

Lori Strickler, City Clerk