

Proclamation

Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race Week

January 20-28, 1997

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 horrible weather, 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 17 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 the total purse for the 1997 K-300 group of races is \$130,000.00; 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 Races generate 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, Wally Richardson, Mayor of Bethel, do hereby proclaim the week of January 20-28, 1997, as Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race Week in Bethel.


Ruth M. "Wally" Richardson, Mayor



TEST:

K.D. Tanner, City Clerk