

Introduced by: Mayor Rodgers
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Vote: NOT INTRODUCED

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #02-16

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS Alaska is one of the most ethnically diverse states in the nation where nearly 100 languages are spoken and our residents identify with a wealth of ethnic, cultural and racial heritages;

WHEREAS As Alaskans, we cherish our freedoms and civil rights, recognizing that the first act of the Territorial Legislature in 1913 gave women the right to vote—seven years before the rest of the nation; and civil rights legislation championed by Elizabeth Peratrovich and the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood passed in 1945—two decades before the U.S. Civil Rights Act, and;

WHEREAS The City of Bethel recognizes the contributions of its diverse population as an enhancement to the community's quality of life, and;

WHEREAS The City of Bethel recognizes that while tolerance and respect for all peoples inherently is the responsibility of each individual, those in leadership and institutional roles must lead this effort and teach by example, and;

WHEREAS We can all take steps to reflect and celebrate the diversity of our community, our respect for all peoples, and our recognition of the dignity of all Alaskans, and;

WHEREAS The Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska, has proclaimed January 2002 as Diversity Appreciation Month and, through Administrative Order No. 195, has renewed the State's commitment as an employer and public servant to a workplace that recognizes diversity and works to prevent discrimination and harassment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel Council recognizes the importance of appreciating, respecting and celebrating our diverse population and will take appropriate actions in our hiring practices and policies to demonstrate a respect for all peoples.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Governor Tony Knowles, Representative Mary Kapsner and Senator Lyman Hoffman.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF MAY 2002, by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

Colleen Soberay, Acting City Clerk