

Proclamation

World AIDS Day: December 1, 1996

Whereas the global spread of HIV infection and AIDS necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and,

Whereas the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen the worldwide effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and,

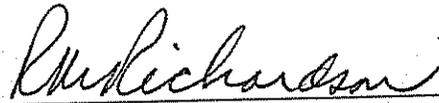
Whereas UNAIDS estimates that over 20 million people are currently living with HIV/AIDS, with more than 5 new infections occurring every minute; and,

Whereas the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services reports 345 confirmed cases of AIDS in Alaska; and,

Whereas World AIDS Day provides an opportunity to focus on HIV infection and AIDS, caring for people with HIV infection and AIDS, and learning about HIV/AIDS; and,

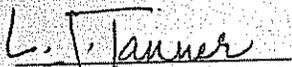
Whereas the UNAIDS' designated 1996 World AIDS Day theme "One World. One Hope." (1) urges the world to work together to overcome the challenges caused by HIV/AIDS, (2) recognizes that everyone can do something about the pandemic through prevention, education, and compassion and (3) emphasizes the hope of finding the means to prevent and cure HIV/AIDS;

Therefore I, Wally Richardson, Mayor of the City of Bethel, do hereby recognize December 1, 1996 as World AIDS Day. I urge all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.



Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

Attest:


L.J. Tanner, City Clerk