

# *Proclamation*

## *National Telecommunicators Week April 14 – 20, 2002*

**Whereas**, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services;

**And Whereas**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property;

**And Whereas**, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Bethel Police Department Communications Center;

**And Whereas**, Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with the emergency services;

**And Whereas**, Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety;

**And Whereas**, Public Safety Dispatchers of the Bethel Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients;

**And Whereas**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the City Council of Bethel declares the week of April 14 – 20, 2002 to be National Telecommunicator's Week in Bethel, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002

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Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

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George Dahl, Acting Chief of Police

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Colleen Soberay, City Clerk