

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING CENSUS 2000 A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL

Whereas, the Census is vital to our community in that it determines the apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives and our state's legislature, and is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of Federal, State, and Borough funds for social and other programs; and

Whereas, the Census is also used to help determine where to locate schools, day care centers, senior citizen centers, hospitals and other facilities and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and jobs; and

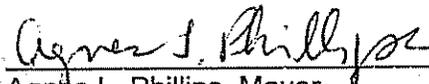
Whereas, Census information is confidential and Federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to confidential Census data; and

Whereas, in the City of Bethel we are committed to a full and accurate Census count and are placing special emphasis on enumerating members of population groups traditionally undercounted; and

Now, therefore, I, Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor of the City of Bethel, Alaska, do hereby proclaim declare Census 2000 as a top priority for stakeholders and leaders within our community and encourage participation in our jurisdiction's **Complete Count Committee**. I also urge full participation by members of our staff in all matters related to technical preparation for Census 2000, including the annual **Boundary and Annexation Survey**, and the **Local Update of Census Addresses**.

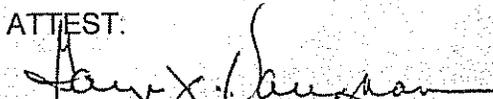
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Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk