

# PROCLAMATION

**Proclaiming October 5 – 11, 2003 as Fire Prevention Week**

*Whereas*, Public safety is a of top priority in Bethel, Alaska; and

*Whereas*, Safety from fire is important both to citizens and local firefighters, who put their lives on the line with every response to fire; and

*Whereas*, Residents of Bethel must take action to prevent fires and to protect themselves if fire strikes, and;

*Whereas*, Awareness of simple safety practices can help lower our local fire death and injury rates, and;

*Whereas*, Working smoke alarms on every level and a home fire escape plan and regular drills are essential for every household in Bethel; and

*Whereas*, Bethel is joining the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) in teaching lifesaving messages in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week; and

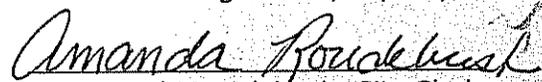
*Whereas*, The Fire Prevention Week 2003 them, "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!" is an important reminder for all citizens of Bethel.

I, Mayor Short, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5 – 11, 2003 as Fire Prevention Week. This week is commemorated across North America and supported by the public safety efforts of fire departments, schools and other safety advocates, in conjunction with the NFPA.

Furthermore, I call upon the people of Bethel to remember the Fire Prevention Week 2003 caution, "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!" and urge all citizens to heed the advice to install smoke alarms and plan and practice fire drills.

In witness hereof, I hereby set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2003.

  
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Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

  
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Amanda Roudebush, City Clerk

