

# PROCLAMATION

## Proclaiming October 7 – 13, 2001 as Fire Prevention Week and Commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871

*Whereas*, Cooking, heating, and electrical fires represent three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths, and;

*Whereas*, The vast majority of home cooking, heating, and electrical fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions, and;

*Whereas*, Developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely, and;

*Whereas*, Proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms are part of a thorough home fire escape plan, and;

*Whereas*, By preventing the leading causes of home fires, and by developing and practicing a thorough home fire escape plan, people can greatly reduce their risk to fire, and;

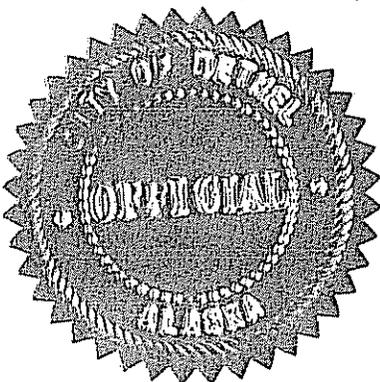
*Whereas*, The Fire Prevention Week 2001 theme, "Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire," teaches the public how to prevent cooking, heating, and electrical fires, and encourages people to develop a home fire escape plan that includes working smoke alarms, and;

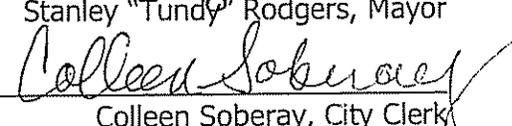
*Whereas*, The Bethel Fire Department is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire, and;

*Whereas*, The members of the fire service are joined by other concerned citizens of the City of Bethel, as well as other emergency service providers and safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs and organizations in their fire safety efforts.

I, Mayor Rodgers, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-13, 2001 as Fire Prevention Week. This week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 persons. Furthermore, I call upon the people of the City of Bethel to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical.

In witness hereof, I hereby set my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2001.



  
Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor  
  
Colleen Soberay, City Clerk