

Proclamation

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month 1995

Whereas, in 1994, approximately 40,000 Americans were killed in motor vehicle crashes, and of these deaths, almost 16,600 or less than 41 percent of these fatalities involved alcohol; and

Whereas, the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities has declined significantly over the last decade, there remains a critical need for continued public education, increased enforcement and tougher laws and penalties for offenders; and

Whereas, studies have shown that the country's most at-risk group for driving impaired are Young Adult Male Drivers aged 21-34, particular attention must be paid to reaching this age group; and

Whereas, all across this nation, Americans are coming together to "Take a Stand Against Impaired Driving," federal, state and local government agencies are working along-side private businesses and local communities to spread the word about the dangers of impaired driving; and

Whereas, last year's holiday season marked the first national "Lights for Life Day," when all Americans were asked to drive with their vehicle headlights on throughout the day in remembrance of the thousands of victims of impaired driving, I ask all Americans to once again show their support this holiday season by driving with their headlights on all day on Friday, December 15, 1995, reminding all citizens of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs; and

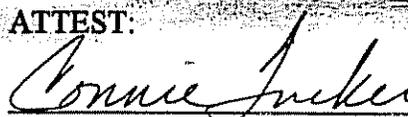
Whereas, throughout December, I ask each citizen to make a conscious effort to ensure a safe and healthy holiday season for everyone by not driving impaired, by being a responsible party host, and by intervening when someone you know attempts to get behind the wheel after drinking or taking drugs.

Now, therefore, I, Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor of Bethel, do hereby proclaim December, 1995, as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, and Friday, December 15, 1995, as "National Lights for Life Day" in Bethel. I call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in Bethel to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies. I further ask all motorists to drive with their vehicle headlights on throughout the day on Friday, December 15, 1995, as a memorial for the victims of impaired driving and as a reminder of the dangers of drunk and drugged driving.



Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Tucker, City Clerk

