

Proclamation

WORLD AIDS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3, 1994

WHEREAS, the global spread of the HIV infection and AIDS necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and preventive action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has designated December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen the worldwide effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization now estimates that 17 million people have been infected with HIV and that around 4 million of them have developed AIDS; and

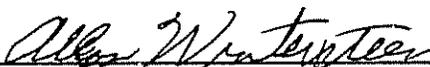
WHEREAS, the American Association for World Health is encouraging a better understanding of the challenge of HIV/AIDS nationally as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in the United States continues to increase, with an estimated 1 in 250 Americans currently HIV positive and over 361,164 AIDS cases reported (as of December 31, 1993); and

WHEREAS, there are Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta residents infected with HIV: men and women, village and Bethel, Native and non-Native; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day 1994, "AIDS and Families" focuses on how families are affected by HIV/AIDS, how families can become more effective in both HIV/AIDS prevention and care, and on how families can contribute to global efforts against HIV/AIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Allan Wintersteen, Mayor of Bethel, Alaska, do hereby declare the week of November 27 to December 3, 1994, as World AIDS Awareness Week and urge all citizens to take part in activities and observances planned by the Bethel AIDS Task Force to increase awareness and understanding of AIDS as a global challenge and to join in the effort to prevent the transmission of the AIDS virus.




Allan Wintersteen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Tucker, City Clerk