



City of Bethel Proclamation

In recognition of Jessica Klejka's first place finish in the 2008 Jr. Iditarod

WHEREAS, dog mushing is the official state sport of Alaska, and was once the primary mode of transportation in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta;

WHEREAS, the Jr. Iditarod is a prestigious long distance sled race that draws young mushers from all over Alaska and from outside the state as well as Europe;

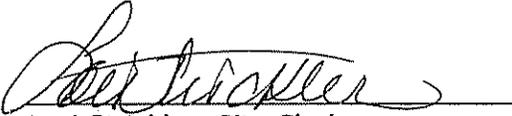
WHEREAS, this was Jessica's fourth run of the Jr. Iditarod;

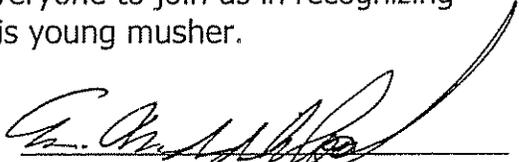
WHEREAS, seventeen year old Jessica Klejka competed against 21 other mushers during the Jr. Iditarod XXXI, February 23-24, 2008;

WHEREAS, after 22 hours and 47 minutes of intense competition Jessica placed first in the Jr. Iditarod XXXI;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, The Bethel City Council, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2008, Jessica Klejka Day in the City of Bethel, and encourage everyone to join us in recognizing her success. We all look forward to a bright future for this young musher.

Signed this 25th Day of March, 2008


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Eric Middlebrook, Mayor