

PROCLAMATION

International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day September 9, 2002

Whereas, Children are our most important resource and it is our responsibility to care for, nurture and protect them; and

Whereas, Statistics tell us that individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in the United States and industrial nations throughout the world, face the risk of mental retardation or learning disabilities, early school dropout, homelessness, addictiveness, trouble with the law and mental illness; and

Whereas, To reduce the incidence of FASD, it is essential that women in pregnancy are provided with support and information; and

Whereas, Parents, caregivers, professionals and individuals living with FASD in Bethel, Alaska will join with other people around the world in observing the Fourth International FASD Awareness Day on September 9, 2002, with a minute of reflection or prayer at 9:09 a.m.

Now therefore, I, Tundy Rodgers, Mayor of Bethel, Alaska on behalf of the Bethel City Council and the citizens who reside in Bethel, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2002 as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day" in Bethel. I encourage everyone to act with compassion and understanding toward those individuals whose lives were affected by alcohol before they were born.

In witness hereof, I hereby set my hand this 27th day of August 2002.

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

Janette Persinger, City Clerk