

PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming October 6 – 12, 2002 as Fire Prevention Week

- Whereas*, Fire kills 3,500 to 4,000 people in the United States each year and 80 to 85% of all fire deaths occur in the home; and
- Whereas*, Taking simple safety precautions, such as identifying and removing everyday home fire hazards, can help prevent the majority of home fires and home fire deaths; 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*, Developing a home fire escape plan, with two way out of each room and an outside meeting place, and practicing it twice a year with every member of the household, are critical to escaping a fire safely; and
- Whereas*, The nonprofit NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 80 years, the 2002 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Team Up for Fire Safety™", motivates children and families to work together to conduct a home hazard hunt, develop and practice a home fire escape plan, and install and test smoke alarms; and
- Whereas*, NFPA dedicates "Team Up for Fire Safety" to the hundreds of firefighters who so valiantly gave their lives to save others in 2001, especially on September 11; and
- Whereas*, The members of the Bethel Fire Department are committed to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and
- Whereas*, The members of the Bethel Fire Department are joined by other concerned citizens of the Community 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 6 – 12, 2002 as Fire Prevention Week. This week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 persons, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings, and serves as the motivating force to bring the people of Bethel together to build a safer community.

Furthermore, I call upon the people of the City of Bethel to "Team Up for Safety" by participating in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and taking the steps needed to make their home and families safe from fire.

In witness hereof, I hereby set my hand this 8th day of October 2002.

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

Janette Persinger, City Clerk