

# Proclamation

In recognition of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action's

**World Breastfeeding Week - August 1-7, 1997**

*Whereas*, the health of our children is one true measure of a nation, state, county, or city; and

*Whereas* worldwide levels of pollutants and environmental contaminants continue to increase, posing especially high health risks to infants and children; and

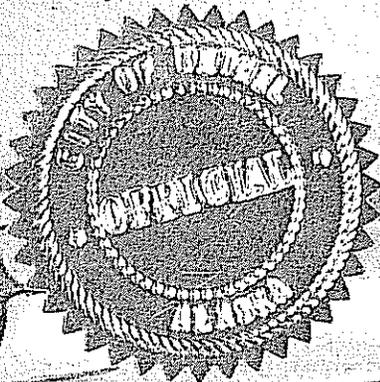
*Whereas* breastfeeding is the normal, healthy beginning for all infants, and

*Whereas* human milk helps infants and children combat the effects of pollution, compensating for and healing insult and injury from toxic exposures and reducing exposure to food and water sources which can become contaminated, thereby enhancing child survival and growth, and

*Whereas* breastfeeding generates no environmental pollutants through production, distribution, or clean-up to add to these ecological problems, and

*Whereas* the International Lactation Consultant Association, realizing, the profound effect that breastfeeding has on reducing pollution and increasing the health and survival of infants, has joined with other organizations worldwide to celebrate August 1 - 7 as World Breastfeeding Week with the theme "Breastfeeding- Nature's Way";

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Agnes Phillips, Mayor of the City of Bethel**, do hereby recognize August 1 - 7, 1997 as World Breastfeeding Week in Bethel, Alaska, and urge all citizens to take part in this week and throughout the year in observances and activities which support breastfeeding as an environmentally sustaining activity.



*Agnes L. Phillips*  
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Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:  
*L.J. Warren*  
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L.J. Warren, City Clerk