



City of Bethel Proclamation

Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race Week January 18 -24, 2009

WHEREAS, the first K-300 Sled Dog Race was held in 1980, attracting top mushers from around the State of Alaska, including Rick Swenson, Joe Redington, and Susan Butcher

WHEREAS, despite horrible weather, the 1980 K-300 Sled Dog Race paid a \$10,000 purse and was considered a success by everyone involved;

WHEREAS, the top 20 mushers will receive a purse ranging from \$20,000 for first place to \$1,600 for twentieth place, the total purse for 2009 is \$100,000;

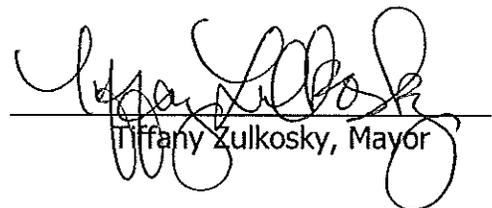
WHEREAS, over the past 31 years, the K-300 race has steadily improved its' stature within the sporting community by increasing price monies, strengthening its' organizational structure, and adding two additional races: the Bogus Creek 150 and the Akiak Dash;

WHEREAS, the race receives support from the business community operating in the Bethel area and from numerous volunteers who serve as race workers; who open their homes to mushers and their families and who donate financially to the race;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the pride demonstrated for the K-300 by the Bethel community, volunteers, sponsors and members of the race committee, we, The Bethel City Council, do hereby proclaim January 18-24, 2009 Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race Week in the City of Bethel

Signed this 13th day in January, 2009.


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Tiffany Zulkosky, Mayor