



## *City of Bethel Proclamation*

*Recognizing the hard work performed by the staff of the Bethel Police Department during the shortage of Police Officers*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel Police Department has emerged from a state of hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, at the start of 2007 the Police Department began to lose many of their officers; and

**WHEREAS**: this trend continued until the department dwindled down to only two full-time officers, who maintained rigorous working hours and an outrageous case load; and

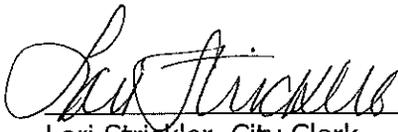
**WHEREAS**: without hesitation the department continued on with the job at hand with surety and determination; and

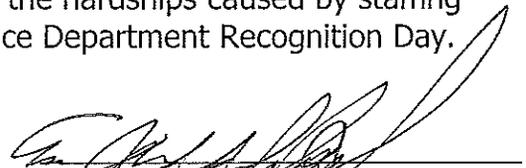
**WHEREAS**: as a department, working together they were able to maintain a strong work environment by providing each other with encouragement and support; and

**WHEREAS**: it is an honorable thing to withstand such incomparable situations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, The Bethel City Council, do hereby recognize the employees of the Bethel Police Department for their hard work during the hardships caused by staffing shortages and declare Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> Bethel Police Department Recognition Day.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day in August, 2008.

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
Eric Middlebrook, Mayor