

Proclamation

Catch the Volunteer Spirit!

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States provides many hours of volunteer service to our community year after year, and

WHEREAS, members demonstrate their concern for this country's citizens by raising more than \$3 million nationwide each year to fund cancer research and provide assistance to members who suffer from the disease; and

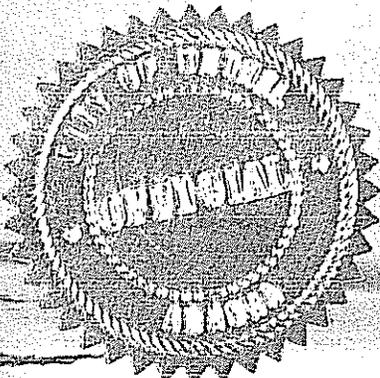
WHEREAS, members offer valuable assistance to our students by awarding scholarships enabling them to further their education while learning about patriotism; and

WHEREAS, members actively promote patriotism by donating flags to community groups and schools, instructing citizens in the proper salute to the flag, and promoting our American heritage through sponsorship of programs at the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge; and

WHEREAS, Auxiliary members are the wives, mothers, sisters, and other female loved ones of those who have fought overseas preserving American liberties making it possible for us to enjoy living in a free country today, and

WHEREAS, 1997-98 National Auxiliary President Connie Atkinson is leading a special effort behind her theme, *Catch the Spirit*, to increase the ranks of this worthy organization so that it can continue to serve America.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor of the City of Bethel, Alaska, do hereby declare Saturday, November 1, 1997 as **CATCH THE VFW AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER SPIRIT DAY.**


Agnes L. Phillips
Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

I. J. Warren
I. J. Warren, City Clerk