



## *City of Bethel Proclamation*

### ***National Drug & Alcohol Addiction Recovery Month September, 2006***

**WHEREAS**, problems with drugs and alcohol continue to be prevalent in every state in the nation, but there is hope that the tide can turn if more people with alcohol and drug use disorders are given access to treatment. We now know that alcohol and drug use disorders are chronic but treatable diseases that involve brain chemistry, just as diabetes and heart disease are chronic but treatable medical conditions;

**WHEREAS**, recovery from alcohol and drug addiction is possible and treatment is effective; people in recovery can and do become gainfully employed, own homes, and rejoin their families and their communities;

**WHEREAS**, for many in our community, alcohol and drug use disorders take an enormous toll, but we do not have to let them solve their problem alone. Daily, throughout every part of the United States, men, women, and youth are entering treatment and beginning the road to recovery. Entire families are breaking the cycle of addiction and are embracing recovery through support programs and counseling services. Right here in Bethel, Alaska, we are offering substance abuse treatment and prevention programs for all age groups through the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and other community programs. We salute those in our community who are in recovery and the dedicated people who brought them out of the darkness;

**WHEREAS**, that is why we are asking all citizens of Bethel to join us in celebrating this September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This year's September theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery...Now!" invites all of us to take immediate action to guide those in our community who need drug and alcohol treatment toward the promising path of recovery;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and the City of Bethel Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and other community programs welcome your participation in September.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Bethel City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2006 as National Alcohol Drug & Addiction Recovery Month in Bethel and encourage all residents to promote the benefits of drug and alcohol treatment and recovery and to support community treatment programs.

**SIGNED THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2006.**

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R. Thor Williams, Mayor

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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk