



City of Bethel Proclamation
*Recognition to the Ladies Auxiliary to the
Veterans of Foreign Wars*

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was established in 1914 by wives, widows, mothers, foster and stepmothers, grandmothers, daughters, foster and stepdaughters, and sisters of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States;

WHEREAS, these ladies nearly 600,000 members strong throughout the United States, Guam and Panama are a strong support to many individuals and communities;

WHEREAS, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States represent the families of those who have served our country with honor and dignity;

WHEREAS, today, these women volunteers provide a wide scope of activities including working to ensure America's veterans will not be forgotten, providing assistance to the veterans and their families, and are also committed to promoting patriotism and American heritage among our nation's youth;

WHEREAS, Bethel's Ladies Auxiliary established January 19, 1968 with 22 members is now 154 members strong;

WHEREAS, every spring Bethel's Ladies Auxiliary members spend a few days cleaning up the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, picking up the trash, weed whacking, pruning, and raking to insure proper respect is paid to the visitors of the cemetery and the deceased;

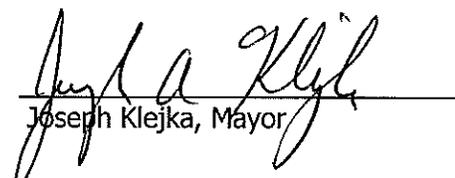
WHEREAS, Bethel's Ladies Auxiliary is currently working on a two year cross project for Ridgecrest Cemetery to replace worn, broken and missing crosses;

WHEREAS, the women expect to have a total of 150 to 175 completed by the end of the project, with 75 painted and 55 with name plates within the first year;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Bethel City Council would like to recognize the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their continuous efforts and support for our community throughout the years.

Signed this 9th day in June, 2009.


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor