

# PROCLAMATION

CITY OF BETHEL  
NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 1994  
May 6-12, 1994

WHEREAS, 2.2 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, Nurse's education and holistic focus promotes restoration and maintenance of health in the individual and family; and

WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation through health care reform that relies on increasing delivery of primary health care; and

WHEREAS, A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be a key component in the quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

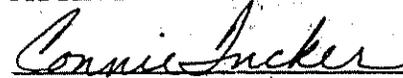
WHEREAS, The demand for nursing services is greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing growth of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health services; and

WHEREAS, The cost-effective, quality health care services provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, Along with the American Nurses Association, the Alaska Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6-12 as NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 1994 with the theme "Nurses: Charting the Course for a Healthy Nation" in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system.

THEREFORE, I, Donna Chris, Mayor of the City of Bethel Alaska, do hereby declare May 6-12 as National Nurses Week 1994 and urge all residents of Bethel to join me in honoring the nurses who care for all of us. Let's celebrate nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for the nation's nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

ATTEST:

  
Connie Tucker, Acting City Clerk

  
Donna J. Chris, Mayor