

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States has been at the forefront of civil and human rights of individuals since its inception, and has continued to recognize and ensure the inalienable rights of people with disabilities, as demonstrated by passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, Alaska needs the knowledge, skill, talent and productivity of our estimated 27,000 individuals with disabilities to help energize our economy, since providing people with disabilities the opportunity to work will help reduce the more than \$300 billion annually spent nationwide in public assistance and lost productivity; and

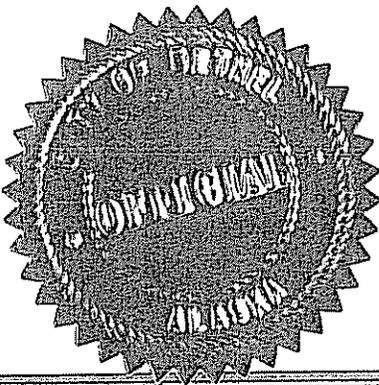
WHEREAS, people with disabilities represent the nation's largest pool of diverse, talented, skilled, knowledgeable and hard working persons encompassing the full spectrum of race, religion, national origin, age and gender; and

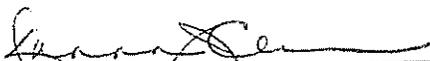
WHEREAS, it is important for the City of Bethel to move purposefully toward diversity in the workplace and elsewhere in society not only because it is right and just, but also because it is economically sound, and the City of Bethel is committed to full compliance with the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, by joint resolution, has called for the designation of October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month," a special time for all citizens to recognize the tremendous potential of citizens with disabilities and the quality they contribute to our culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donna Chris, Mayor of Bethel, do proclaim the month of October, 1994, Disability Employment Awareness Month and call on all citizens of Bethel to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that affirm our determination to fulfill the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act and achieve full employment for people with disabilities.

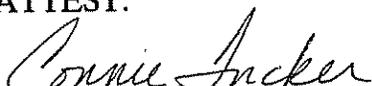
DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1994





Donna J. Chris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Tucker, City Clerk