



City of Bethel Proclamation
Proclaiming May 25, 2013 as
National Missing Children's Day in the City of Bethel

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children hold annual events to help raise awareness of the threat of child abduction, they inform families about ways to keep their children safe and support victims' families;

WHEREAS, the Center's initiative "Take 25" encourages parents, guardians and educators to take 25 minutes to talk to children about safety in the hopes to prevent another child from being reported as missing;

WHEREAS, on average, 800,000 children are reported missing each year, although many are reunited with their families, there are some who never return home;

WHEREAS, in the community of Bethel there were six children reported missing in 2012 and although all of those stories ended with the child being located, the State of Alaska in total did not fare so well with 55 children not recovered;

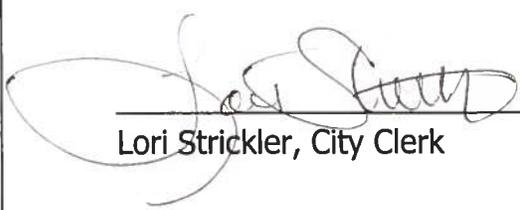
WHEREAS, as this issue continues to impact our country each day, it is important that we all join together with law enforcement to protect children from harm by creating greater awareness and through prevention education;

THEREFORE, the City of Bethel, City Council, does hereby proclaim May 25, 2013 as National Missing Children's Day in the City of Bethel.

Signed this 12th day in March, 2013.



Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor



Lori Strickler, City Clerk