



## *City of Bethel Proclamation*

### **Proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel City Council (hereinafter BCC) is the Legislative body of the City of Bethel, Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Bethel City Council is joining the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence promoting Alcohol Awareness to all the residents, and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, more than 7 million children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol;

**WHEREAS**, one in every 12 adults (17.6 million people) suffers from alcohol abuse or dependence;

**WHEREAS**, 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related homicides and suicides;

**WHEREAS**, alcohol-related problems cost America \$224 billion (\$746 per person) in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime and family-related problems;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Bethel City Council now joins the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence and do hereby proclaim that April 2015 is Alcohol Awareness Month in City of Bethel, Alaska.

As the Bethel City Council we call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools, and colleges in City of Bethel to support the efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together we can provide hope, help, and healing for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.

**IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF**, I hereby affix my signature on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Richard Robb, Mayor

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk