



City of Bethel Proclamation

Proclaiming September 2, 2015 as Victory over Japan (V-J) Day

WHEREAS, V-J Day or Victory Day over Japan is celebrated as the day on which Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect ending the WW II; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 1945 a formal surrender ceremony was performed in Tokyo Bay, Japan aboard the battleship USS Missouri; and

WHEREAS, during WW II under the leadership of Major "Muktuk" Marston 21 paid staff and 6,368 Volunteers from Alaska watched the northern shores of Alaska for enemy movement; and

WHEREAS, these brave and heroic volunteers were instrumental in the battle of Attu, a foreign war battle fought on domestic soil;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Robb, Mayor of the City of Bethel, do hereby proclaim September 2, 2015 as V-J Day in the City of Bethel, Alaska

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this 25th day of August 2015.

Richard Robb, Mayor

Attest:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk