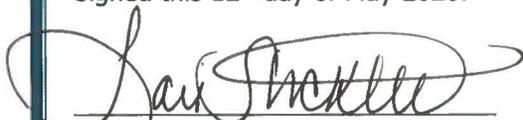


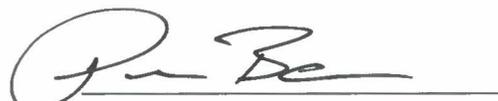


*City of Bethel Proclamation*  
**Recognizing Reyne Athanas for Her  
Induction into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame**

- WHEREAS,** On April 28, 2020 Reyne Athanas was inducted to the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame and is recognized as being an advocate for the arts, and a role model for other women;
- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame was established in 2008 with the intent to honor Alaska's women who have been involved in shaping our great state;
- WHEREAS,** with her passion for the arts driving her, Reyne has grown the arts community in Bethel during the 46 years she has lived in Bethel;
- WHEREAS,** Reyne was the founder of the Kuskokwim Art Guild, a non-profit organization founded in 2000 established to expand, throughout the region, education and interest in the arts;
- WHEREAS,** she is also known for her establishment of the Bethel Council on the Arts, established to support and foster art related activities within the community;
- WHEREAS,** our community's Saturday Market, the opportunity for the Region to share their art, food and crafts, would not be possible without the drive that Reyne provided as the organizer to ensure continued growth and promotion of the arts;
- WHEREAS,** founded in 2009, the Best in the West, is a small business competition designed to help small or new business owners gain knowledge about starting and operating business and potential obtain funding to help develop their small business ideas;
- WHEREAS,** the Taste of Bethel has also become an annual community event not to be missed, this celebration was established by Reyne to celebrate and share food from around the world;
- WHEREAS,** Reyne is an educator at heart but also an innovator, with a passion for art and education she has been able to expand the arts in our community and Region;
- WHEREAS,** people of all ages now have the opportunity to learn and experience all kinds of arts, from the art camps in the summer provided to community youth, to the Camai Dance Festival which draws performers and audiences from all over the world;
- WHEREAS,** the Region has been presented with so many opportunities by Reyne as an advocate for arts education and outreach and
- WHEREAS,** Reyne is joining four other women from Bethel who were previously inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame, Mary Ciuniq Pete, Beverlyly "Kikikaaq" Hoffman,
- THEREFORE,** the Bethel City Council, does hereby recognize Reyne Athanas for her induction to the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk

  
Perry Barr, Mayor