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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
MEMORANDUM**

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Tracy Burrows, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

Date: September 20, 2007

Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor Lauinger to sign the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Domestic Violence is a serious crime that affects women, children and their community. Outreaching to communities and individuals through education, advocacy and support will lead to the awareness and prevention of domestic violence in homes. City, county and state governments can play a significant role in ending domestic violence through public awareness efforts. Many domestic violence agencies as well as other non-profit agencies recognize October as the awareness month.

Wesley Moorhead, member of the Eastside Domestic Violence Program Board of Directors, will be attending the October 2nd Council meeting to accept the Work to End Domestic Violence Month proclamation on their behalf.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating October 2007 As "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" In the City of Kirkland

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects almost four million women each year and often has severe consequences for survivors, their children, their employers, and the community;

WHEREAS, the national Crime Survey found that domestic violence has a direct bearing on productivity, effectiveness, absenteeism, and employee turnover in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, stopping the cycle of this vicious crime requires not only the resolve and courage of survivors, but also the support and involvement of all of us, including employers; and

WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts help to increase public awareness about the severity and extent of domestic violence, and, as a result, help to prevent acts of violence among family members while simultaneously helping to reduce the related costs to society and employers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland, will endeavor to raise awareness about domestic violence in general, and about how domestic violence affects the workplace, in particular;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James L. Lauinger, do hereby proclaim October 2007, as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in the City of Kirkland. I encourage all City of Kirkland employees and Kirkland residents to dedicate themselves to reducing domestic violence in our region, and I call upon all employers to educate their employees about domestic violence and to inform them about available community resources.

Signed this 2ND day of October 2007,

James L. Lauinger, Mayor