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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

**Date:** January 26, 2010

**Subject:** Kirkland Founders Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Kirkland Founders Week Proclamation.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Kirkland Founders Week coincides with Peter Kirk's birthday and celebrates the founding of the City of Kirkland. The Kirkland Heritage Society has furthered public awareness of our founders, along with collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting all other aspects of the history and heritage of Kirkland and its people. Bob Burke and other representatives of the Kirkland Heritage Society will be present at the February 2nd City Council meeting to receive the Kirkland Founders Week proclamation.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Designating February 13 – 20, 2010 as “Kirkland Founders Week” in the City of Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, Peter Kirk, Walter Williams, John Kellett, Leigh Hunt, Reginald Collins and Joshua Montgomery Sears are recognized as the founders of Kirkland, Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, In the late 1880's and 1890's these early settlers began to build a community with a steel empire unrivaled on the Western Coast of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, these pioneers brought forth the beginnings of the present city, which would come to bear the name of Peter Kirk who's birthday is on February 15th; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kirkland recognizes the vital role these frontiersmen played in its early history, and the impact on the City including its incorporation in 1905; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kirkland Heritage Society has furthered public awareness of Kirkland's founders, along with collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting all other aspects of the history and heritage of Kirkland and its people;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim February 13th to the 20th, 2010, as *Kirkland Founders Week* in Kirkland, Washington and urge all the citizens of Kirkland to honor the memory of those who helped found our city.

Signed this 2nd day of February, 2010

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Joan McBride, Mayor