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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: January 31, 2012

Subject: "Kirkland History Month" Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Kirkland History Month Proclamation.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The Kirkland Heritage Society (KHS) has long coordinated the recognition of Peter Kirk, primarily by asking the City of Kirkland to proclaim a week containing February 15, the birth date of Peter Kirk, as Founders Week. This year, the KHS has asked the City to proclaim the entire month of February as "Kirkland History Month" as a way to honor Kirkland's rich history, its founders, and to recognize the "new" history of Kirkland from members of the recently annexed Finn Hill, North Juanita, and Kingsgate neighborhoods.

It is anticipated that Mark Amick, Chair, History Month Committee and Loita Hawkinson, President, Kirkland Heritage Society will be present at the February 7 Council meeting to receive the proclamation.

For historical information on Kirkland, visit the KHS website at www.kirklandheritage.org.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming February 2012 as “Kirkland History Month” in the City of Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has traditionally celebrated its rich history with the recognition of Peter Kirk’s birth date on February 15 by proclaiming Founder’s Week in the month of February; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland Heritage Society has raised public awareness of Kirkland’s history by collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and sharing all aspects of the history and heritage of Kirkland and its people; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland Heritage Society has been able to expand the scope of recognizing Kirkland’s past to include downtown and the Juanita and Lakeview Neighborhoods thanks to a grant from 4Culture, the cultural services agency for King County; and

WHEREAS, with the annexation of the Finn Hill, North Juanita, and Kingsgate neighborhoods in 2011, Kirkland’s history of these areas has been integrated into the Kirkland Heritage Society’s programs and outreach; and

WHEREAS, as part of Kirkland History Month, local businesses will display informational signs at their businesses describing the historical importance of their sites;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2012 as “Kirkland History Month” in Kirkland, Washington and urge all citizens of Kirkland to honor the memory of those who helped form our City, to learn about Kirkland’s cultural and historic past, and to share memories, photographs, and stories to keep Kirkland’s history alive.

Signed this 7th day of February, 2012

Joan McBride, Mayor