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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: February 8, 2011

Subject: Kirkland Founders Week Proclamation

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 requested that the City proclaim February 13-19, 2011 as Founders Week in the City. The 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. Mark Amick, Treasurer, Kirkland Heritage Society and other representatives of the Kirkland Heritage Society will be present at the February 15th City Council meeting to receive the Kirkland Founders Week proclamation.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating February 13 – 19, 2011 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-day 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; and

WHEREAS, many community activities are occurring in Kirkland during the week of February 13-19, including self-guided walking tours in downtown that are supported by local businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim February 13th through 19th, 2011, 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 15th day of February, 2011

Joan McBride, Mayor