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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Ray Steiger, P.E. Interim Director of Public Works
Donna Burris, Internal Services Manager
Van Ingram-Lock, Management Analyst

Date: February 18, 2010

Subject: SUSTAINABLE KIRKLAND EARTH HOUR PROCLAMATION AND GREEN TIP

RECOMMENDATION

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Earth Hour Proclamation.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On Earth Hour hundreds of millions of people, organizations, corporations and governments worldwide will come together to make a bold statement about their concern for climate change by doing something quite simple—turning off their lights for one hour. Earth Hour symbolizes that by working together, each of us can have a positive impact on alleviating climate change, protecting our future and that of future generations. Locally, Earth Hour will occur on March 27th from 8:30 - 9:30pm. Sustainable Kirkland is working to increase public awareness of the event and will be present at the March 2nd City Council meeting to deliver the Green Tip and receive the proclamation.

Please direct any questions to Donna Burris at x3931 or Van Ingram-Lock at x3907.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming "Earth Hour" on March 27, 2010 from 8:30-9:30 pm in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, this hour has been designated worldwide by World Wildlife Fund as "Earth Hour" in which millions of people around the world will come together to call for action on climate change by turning off their lights for one hour; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour is a reminder that communities, including the City of Kirkland, can make a positive impact to alleviate climate change; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland is joining cities and states across the country to raise awareness and demonstrate our nation's commitment to fighting climate change by supporting "Earth Hour;" and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council adopted Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets on August 7, 2007, and directed staff to develop a long term action plan that will lead to the targeted reductions in greenhouse gas emissions for municipal operations and the community through capital investment, operational changes, program development and public outreach; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on May 19, 2009, resolved that the City of Kirkland is committed to the long-range goal of stabilizing atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases, and adopted the Climate Protection Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, we are setting forth a bold vision for Kirkland to work toward solutions to the escalating climate crisis and protect our future and that of future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, the Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2010 from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. as "Earth Hour" in Kirkland and call upon all residents and businesses to turn off their lights for one hour and join the City in pledging their support to climate protection.

Signed this 2nd Day of March, 2010

Joan McBride, Mayor