



## CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

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

**Date:** February 28, 2012

**Subject:** "Girl Scout Centennial" Proclamation

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Girl Scout Centennial Proclamation.

#### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

On March 12, 2012, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (USA) will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On this day in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low gathered 18 girls to provide them opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. Throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of courage, confidence, and character.

There are currently 450 girls and 227 dedicated adult volunteers participating in 49 Troops in the Kirkland area, 26,000 Girl Scouts in Western Washington, and 3.3 million Girl Scouts in the United States. In the Kirkland community, 29 girls have received the Silver Star Awards since 2003 and their projects have included hosting hunger banquets, raising awareness of the issues in the Darfur region of Sudan, designing Day Camp programs, and teaching their peers outdoor cooking skills. Other community service projects from the Kirkland Troops include stuffing stockings with the U.S. Coast Guard for distribution to homeless youth and needy families, making holiday gifts with Headstart preschoolers at the Redmond YMCA, delivering Valentines to a retirement/assisted living home, providing dinner for Severe Winter Shelters in Bellevue, and raising money for tsunami victims. Kirkland Scouts and volunteers conduct the Rainbow Adventure Day camp which hosts 130 girls in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Amy Gulley, Girl Scout, will receive the proclamation and the following members of Girl Scout Leadership Team in the Kirkland area and their daughters will be in attendance:

- Kristin Gulley and her daughter
- Pam Hay and daughter Claire
- Ann-Marie Speirs and daughter Alena
- Ulrike Kornstaedt and daughter Fritzi



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Proclaiming 2012 as “The Year of the Girl” and Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting in the City of Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, March 12, 2012 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, founded by Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, as Girls Scouts of the USA celebrates a century of leadership, fun, and friendship, it is setting out to ensure that every girl has the opportunity to reach her fullest leadership potential and has declared 2012 as “The Year of the Girl;” and,

**WHEREAS**, Juliette Low believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually and through her vision, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of courage, confidence, and character; and,

**WHEREAS**, today, about 450 girls and 227 dedicated adult volunteers from Kirkland, 26,000 girls in Western Washington, and 3.3 million Girl Scouts nationwide are proud to be a part of the Girl Scout tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, 144 girls and adults from Kirkland are pledging to live “Forever Green” and participating in monthly challenges to explore their impacts on the environment and learning ways to lessen their footprint;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the year 2012 as “The Year of the Girl” in Kirkland, Washington and recognize with pride the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the leadership development of America’s girls and the local support of the Girl Scouts of Western Washington.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012

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Joan McBride, Mayor