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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager  
**Date:** February 27, 2013  
**Subject:** Proclamation: April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Mayor proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

The Children's Response Center, a program of Harborview Medical Center, provides services and support for children and youth under the age of 18 who have experienced sexual assault or other traumatic events. Services are also available for non-offending family members and children and youth who display sexual behavior problems.

Ms. Kim Bao, advisory board member from the Center will be present at the April 2 City Council meeting to accept the proclamation.

For more information about the Center, go to [www.childrensresponsecenter.org](http://www.childrensresponsecenter.org).



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Proclaiming April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment to ensure they reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and not knowing how to cope; and

**WHEREAS**, decreasing the occurrence of child abuse and neglect relies upon the efforts of every individual in order to make a positive, substantial impact upon the children of today so they can be the leaders of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, Harborview Children’s Response Center serves residents in East and North King County, including Kirkland, by providing support to children and families who have been impacted by abuse, promotes awareness on issues concerning child abuse, and seeks to end the sexual assault of children; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Police Department’s Family Violence Unit and the Parks and Community Services Department’s Human Services Program coordinate with the Children’s Response Center to help victims and their families in dealing with the impacts of abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of child abuse can receive help from the Children’s Response Center by calling 425-688-5130 and those who suspect child abuse can report it to the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services’ toll free number 1-866-END HARM; and

**WHEREAS**, wearing or displaying a pinwheel in April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim *April as Child Abuse Prevention Month* in the City of Kirkland, and urge all citizens to seek help if they need it, to report child abuse if they see it, and to support all agencies that provide services to help those who are dealing with child abuse and neglect.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013

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Joan McBride, Mayor