



## CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

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

**Date:** March 28, 2012

**Subject:** April as Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the April as Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

#### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Gayle Zawaideh, advisory board member of the Children's Response Center, will be present at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting to receive the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation. The Children's Response Center provides services for children who have been sexually assaulted or are victims of other trauma via counseling and legal and medical advocacy. The Center raises community awareness about the issue of child abuse and provides training on issues such as child maltreatment and prevention of abuse. The City of Kirkland funds the Children's Response Center at \$33,544 for 2011-2012.

The City Council has supported the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation since 2002.

Contact information for CRC:

**Children's Response Center**  
**Harborview**  
[www.childrensresponsecenter.org](http://www.childrensresponsecenter.org)

Sexual Assault Services Provides crisis intervention and counseling services to children and their families.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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

**WHEREAS**, Children’s Response Center, a program of Harborview Medical 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 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**, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secure, and protected from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and exploitation and neglect; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012

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Joan McBride, Mayor