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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Julie Elsom, Sr. Operations and Financial Analyst
Ray Steiger, P.E., Public Works Director

Date: April 19, 2012

Subject: DRINKING WATER WEEK PROCLAMATION – May 7-11, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council authorize the Mayor to present a proclamation for Drinking Water Week.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

For more than 30 years the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week. For the first time Kirkland will join in the celebration by issuing a proclamation declaring May 7-11 Drinking Water Week. This is an opportunity for Kirkland's water professionals and the neighborhoods they serve to recognize our drinking water, and the vital role safe water plays in our daily lives.

Access to safe and reliable water is crucial for the health and economic vitality of every community. As a member of Cascade Water Alliance, Kirkland is part of a regional system and a member of the Water Supply Forum. The Water Supply Forum serves Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties; its members work together to solve current and future water supply challenges; including, supply planning, environmental stewardship, and other water supply related issues currently facing the region. As a result of these efforts, the Water Supply Forum will kick off Nation Drinking Water Week on May 7, 2012, by announcing that the Puget Sound Region is blessed with an abundance of high quality water for people, fish, fun and the economy for the next 50 years. Dramatic changes in water use have resulted in a decrease in average water use per household. This is a result of increased water use efficiency, savings from conservation, changes in landscaping, efficient household appliances, and enhanced building and plumbing codes as well as improved irrigation. Kirkland achieved a savings of 40,117 gallons of water per day (gpd) in 2010, and 23,194 gpd in 2011. Saving water helps to preserve the environment for us and future generations.

In celebration of Drinking Water Week Kirkland's water quality report will be delivered to residents and Cascade will advertise Water Week in the Kirkland Reporter.

Enclosed within this packet is a proclamation for designating May 7-11, 2012 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Kirkland. Greg Neumann, Water Division Manager for the City of Kirkland will be on hand to receive the proclamation at the Tuesday, May 1st City Council meeting.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming May 7 – 11, 2012 as “Drinking Water Week” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated “Drinking Water Week” as a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, access to safe and reliable water is crucial for the health and economic vitality of every community and water is an increasingly precious local and global commodity; and

WHEREAS, a water future that is reliable, safe, and secure gives this region an economic advantage over other parts of the country and according to the Water Supply Forum, the Central Puget Sound Region is uniquely blessed with sufficient, high quality, and good tasting water for the next 50 years; and

WHEREAS, regional planning, foresight, and a diverse portfolio of supply options has resulted in flexibility to respond to job and population growth, provide value to consumers, and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is an active member of the Cascade Water Alliance, a non-profit corporation comprised of eight municipalities in the Puget Sound region that joined together to provide a safe, clean, and reliable water source to its almost 400,000 residents and more than 22,000 businesses;

WHEREAS, Kirkland’s drinking water is safe, clean and refreshing and meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water quality standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7 through 11, 2012 as “Drinking Water Week” in Kirkland, Washington and call upon citizens to help protect our source waters, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues.

Signed this 1st day of May, 2012

Joan McBride, Mayor