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MEMORANDUM

To: Marilynne Beard, Interim City Manager
From: Eric Olsen, Chief of Police
Date: April 26, 2010
Subject: Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mayor McBride sign the proclamation designating May 15, 2010 as Peace Officers Memorial Day to recognize and honor all law enforcement personnel.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week. The members of the Kirkland Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the City of Kirkland and it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming May 15, 2010 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Kirkland, Washington and Honoring all Law Enforcement Personnel

WHEREAS, established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and a joint resolution of Congress, National Police Week pays special tribute to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, Peace Officers Memorial Day is held annually in the United States on May 15 in honor of federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty and is observed in conjunction with Police Week; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of police departments, and that members of police departments recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Kirkland Police Department is to provide quality law enforcement, with fair and respectful treatment of our community through partnerships, personal dedication, and courage; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland Police Department plays an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the City of Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland participates with communities across the nation in honoring fellow law enforcement officers by the placement of a memorial wreath in honor of the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Kirkland, Washington and call upon all Kirkland citizens to recognize the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement, especially the dedicated men and women of the Kirkland Police Department, and to recognize the faithful and loyal devotion of law enforcement officers in preserving the rights and security of citizens.

Signed this 4th day of May, 2010

Joan McBride, Mayor