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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Kathy Brown, Public Works Director
Date: April 23, 2015
Subject: PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION—May 17–23, 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor proclaims May 17–23, 2015 as National Public Works Week in Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:



Each year the American Public Works Association promotes Public Works Week throughout the nation. Cities, counties and special districts celebrate and acknowledge Public Works Week. The theme for 2015 is ***Community Begins Here***. Public Works Week is an opportunity for citizens to reflect on the value they receive for their investments in public works through the physical infrastructure necessary to support their daily needs, as well as to appreciate the efforts of its public works professionals.

The City of Kirkland Public Works Department serves our citizens by providing a safe and efficient transportation network, recycling or disposing of solid waste, providing clean, fresh drinking water, reducing flooding and erosion, collecting and treating wastewater, facilitating responsible development, and caring for our natural environment. . A robust capital investment program provides quality facilities and infrastructure for the citizens of today and in the future.

Ongoing educational programs inform the citizens of the role they play in making good choices to help maintain their public physical infrastructure and the natural environment. Specifically, solid waste recycling, water conservation, travel by alternative modes to single occupancy vehicles, promoting natural surface water runoff, protecting and enhancing water quality, and reporting with spills and problems the infrastructure are some ways citizens can participate in managing and protecting the public works system, natural resources, and the environment.

The Public Works Managers will be on hand to receive the proclamation at the Tuesday, May 5^h City Council meeting.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating May 17–23, 2015 as “National Public Works Week” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the American Public Works Association acknowledges “National Public Works Week” each year in the third week in May as a way to honor the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2015 campaign is *Community Begins Here*; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland City Council has long recognized that because of the Public Works Department, many essential services of a quality life are provided, such as clean water, adequate drainage, safe roads and pedestrian crosswalks, reliable wastewater collection, safe walk routes to school, timely solid waste collection and recycling opportunities, street and public right-of-way maintenance, and permitting and inspection of new land development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland, through City Council action and support, has been a leader in development and maintenance standards, capital investments, sustainability, recycling, and pedestrian and bicycle safety; and

WHEREAS, these services are provided by a diverse workforce with a variety of backgrounds and experience levels that share a common mission: “Caring for your infrastructure to keep Kirkland healthy, safe and vibrant;” and

WHEREAS, Kirkland citizens and Public Works employees are essential stewards of the City’s infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17–23, 2015 as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Kirkland, Washington, and call upon all citizens to join in celebrating their investment in the public works in their city.

Signed this 5th day of May, 2015

Amy Walen, Mayor