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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Pam Bissonnette, Interim Public Works Director  
**Date:** May 1, 2013  
**Subject:** PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION – MAY 20-24, 2013

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor proclaim May 20-24, 2013 as National Public Works Week.

### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Each year the American Public Works Association promotes Public Works Week throughout the nation. Cities, counties and special districts can choose to what extent they celebrate and acknowledge Public Works Week. The theme for 2013 is '**Because of Public Works...**'

Public Works Week is an opportunity for the 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 the efforts of its public works professionals. Citizens pay a variety of rates, fees, charges and taxes for a host of public works services, and they benefit by services including a transportation network, solid waste disposal and recycling, clean, fresh drinking water, reduced flooding and erosion, wastewater collection and treatment, and other services. A robust capital investment program ensures quality facilities and infrastructure in the future.

Significant 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 runoff, protecting and enhancing water quality, and reporting problems with the infrastructure are some ways citizens can participate in managing and protecting both the public works system, natural resources, and the environment.

Kirkland residents demonstrated their confidence in the Public Works Department by approving the Proposition 1 Streets Levy in November, 2012. The City has already begun new projects in 2013 to respond to the direction of its citizens with the 2013 Crosswalk Initiative and by nearly doubling street maintenance with overlays and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. Public Works will be presenting a display at City Hall during the month of May.

Finally, enclosed within this packet is a proclamation for designating May 20-24, 2013 as Public Works Week in the City of Kirkland. Pam Bissonnette, Interim Public Works Director, and staff will be on hand to receive the proclamation at the Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### **Designating May 20-24, 2013 as "National Public Works Week" in the City of 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 2013 campaign is "Because of Public Works...;" and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kirkland Public Works Department provides many essential services of a productive life, such as clean water, adequate drainage, safe roads, reliable wastewater collection, a functional tree canopy, dedicated bike lanes, safe walk routes, timely solid waste collection, efficient facilities, and critical emergency response vehicles, are provided; 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, 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, elected officials, and Public Works employees are essential stewards of the City's infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Because of Public Works, Kirkland has an outstanding quality of life and is one of the most livable cities in America,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 20-24, 2013 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 of their City.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2013

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Joan McBride, Mayor