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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: August 16, 2010

Subject: Constitution Week Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor Joan McBride proclaim September 17-23, 2010 as Constitution Week as requested by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Alice Stenstrom, Regent with the David Douglas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), requested a proclamation to celebrate Constitution Week.

The weeklong commemoration of America's most important document could be considered one of our country's least known official observances. The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started the D.A.R. In 1955, D.A.R. petitioned the U.S. Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to (1) emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; (2) inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and (3) encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787. This year marks the 223rd anniversary of the actual signing of the Constitution.

Ms. Stenstrom, will be attending the September 1st Council meeting to accept the Constitution Week proclamation on the behalf of the D.A.R.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating the September 17-23, 2010 as "Constitution Week" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America is the guardian of our liberties and embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law, not by people; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2010 marks the two hundred twentieth-third anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the 1787 Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate this grand occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of this great country designating September 17 through 23 as "Constitution Week;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2010 as "Constitution Week" in the City of Kirkland and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

Signed this 1st day of September, 2010

Joan McBride, Mayor