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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: August 19, 2010

Subject: Recovery Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor Joan McBride proclaim September, 2010 as "Recovery Month" as requested by Fairfax Hospital, Residence XII Treatment Center for Women and Lakeside-Milam Recovery Centers.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The mission of Recovery Month is to improve the lives of those suffering from addiction, to celebrate individuals and families in long-term recovery and to acknowledge those working in the field that provides recovery services.

Recovery Month is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Recovery Month is an essential element of SAMHSA's strategic initiatives that focuses on public awareness and support.

Thousands of people across the United States are living happy, healthy and productive lives in recovery from substance abuse disorders. Educating our community about substance abuse disorders is essential to combat the misconceptions associated with addiction.

For more than 20 years, Recovery Month has worked to improve the lives of those individuals suffering from addiction—by raising awareness of the disease and educating communities about the treatment and recovery resources available.

Coming to the September 1 City Council Meeting to accept the Recovery Month proclamation on the behalf of the hospitals will be: Judi Bixby, Senior Vice President Patient Services, Lakeside-Milam Recovery Centers, Sharon Chambers, Executive Director, Residence XII, Nicci Noteboom, Marketing Communications Director, Residence XII, William Adams, MD, Medical Director, Fairfax Hospital and Suzanne Wietting, Community Resource Liaison, Fairfax Hospital.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming September 2010 as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, recovery from substance use disorders is possible through a variety of treatment resources and recovery support programs; and

WHEREAS, thousands of people across the United States are living happy, healthy, and productive lives in recovery; and

WHEREAS, stress can contribute to substance use disorders, and finding a positive outlet for dealing with stress is crucial as people continue to face stressful situations in their lives; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, an estimated 23.1 million people of every age, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status needed treatment for substance dependence or abuse in the United States; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and our community must take steps to address it; and

WHEREAS, educating our community about how substance use disorders affect all people in the community, including public safety officials, the workforce, older adults, and families, therefore is essential to combat misconceptions associated with addiction; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax Hospital, Lakeside-Milam Recovery Center, and Residence XII Treatment Center for Women, all located in the Kirkland community, provide services to improve the lives of those suffering from addiction; and

WHEREAS, to help more people enter a path of recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the City of Kirkland invite all residents to recognize *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month)*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do proclaim the September 2010 as "*Recovery Month*" in the City of Kirkland and call upon the people of Kirkland to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Now More Than Ever!*"

Signed this 1st day of September, 2010

Joan McBride, Mayor