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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator
Kari Page, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Jennifer Schroder, Director Parks and Community Services

Date: August 22, 2013

Subject: 2013 MONTH OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor Joan McBride proclaim September 1 through September 30 as the Month of Concern for the Hungry.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Since 2007, the City of Kirkland has collaborated with the cities of Redmond, Bellevue, Issaquah, Sammamish, and Mercer Island to support the efforts of the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County. In addition to promoting food drives in the participating eastside communities, supporting cities also officially proclaim the annual "Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry."

As in recent years, the City of Kirkland will host two collection events. Neighborhood associations and community volunteers will staff stores throughout Kirkland to collect non-perishable food donations on September 7 and 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Collections will be donated to Kirkland/Northshore Hopelink. In addition to these efforts, the Emergency Feeding Program will hold its annual Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry on Saturday, September 28. Last year's efforts netted \$1,995 in cash donations and 14,050 pounds in food donations for Hopelink.

The City will support public information efforts to let the community know how, where, and when to donate. Food drive information will also be posted on the Eastside Human Services Forum website at www.eastsideforum.org/fooddrive.

The Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods (KAN) with the support from City Staff work closely with the grocery stores and volunteers to make Kirkland's efforts one of the most successful on the Eastside.

Brian Anderson, Operations Manager, Emergency Feeding Program and Teresa Andrade, Kirkland Hopelink Center Manager will be present at the September 3 Council meeting to receive the Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming September “2013 Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, our Cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Issaquah, Sammamish, and Mercer Island recognize adequate nutrition as a basic goal for each citizen; and

WHEREAS, no parent should have to send a child to school hungry, no baby should be without the comfort of the feedings needed for mental and physical growth, no elderly person’s health should be jeopardized by lack of appropriate food; and

WHEREAS, food banks, emergency and hot meal programs working with our cities, local churches, social service agencies, and hundreds of volunteers are striving day in and day out to stem the rising tide of hunger, but still need more help; and

WHEREAS, we believe that when the citizens who are not involved hear of the especially desperate needs of the hungry as winter approaches and their low incomes must stretch to cover increasing fuel, electricity, and rental costs – leaving even less money for monthly food purchases, an outpouring of community assistance will follow; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County coordinates an annual food drive known as Mayor’s Day of Concern for the Hungry designed to help support the efforts of their program and the area’s food banks in fighting hunger which will be held at grocery stores throughout King County on Saturday, September 28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland would like to extend this effort into an entire Month of Concern for the Hungry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim September 1st to September 30th, 2013 as the *Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry*, and all citizens are strongly urged to join the Emergency Feeding Program, Hopelink, Renewal Food Bank, Issaquah Food Bank, the Mercer Island Food Pantry, and the ARAS Foundation to “share what they can” to nourish those who are hungry.

Signed this 3rd day of September, 2013

Joan McBride, Mayor