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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, 2012

**Subject:** 2012 Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Mayor Joan McBride proclaim September 1 through September 30, 2012 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 15 and 29, 10am to 4pm. 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 22.

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](http://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.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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

**WHEREAS**, the 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 foods; 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 purchase, an outpouring of community assistance will follow; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County coordinates an annual food drive 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 22, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Issaquah, Sammamish, and Mercer Island would like to extend this effort into an entire Month of Concern for the Hungry, beginning in Kirkland on September 1, 2012;

**THEREFORE**, September 1 to September 30, 2012 is hereby proclaimed 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012

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Joan McBride, Mayor