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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

**Date:** August 12, 2011

**Subject:** Proclamation: Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2011

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 by the D.A.R. In 1955, when 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 goals 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 224<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the actual signing of the Constitution.

Ms. Stenstrom, will be present at the Council meeting to accept the Constitution Week proclamation on the behalf of the D.A.R.



# A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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## Designating September 17-23, 2011 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, 2011 marks the two hundred twenty-fourth 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 the United States 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, 2011 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011

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Joan McBride, Mayor