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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: September 12, 2012

Subject: "International Day of Peace" Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the "International Day of Peace" Proclamation

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

In recent years there have been two interfaith events held in Kirkland to commemorate September 11: Interfaith reading at Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church and an interfaith program held at the Kirkland Performance Center. In addition to these community events, monthly meetings have been held to find ways to promote interfaith understanding and cooperation in communities in East King County. Community members attending these meetings have formed into Fostering Interfaith Relationships on the Eastside (F.I.R.E.).

F.I.R.E. has proposed a community-wide recognition through community events. They participated in the 2012 Celebrate Kirkland July 4th parade and have planned a "Picnic for Peace" on September 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Grass Lawn Park, 7031 148 Ave NE, Redmond, WA.

The International Day of Peace, also known as "Peace Day," was established by the United Nations (U.N.) resolution in 1981; the first Peace Day was celebrated in 1982. In 2002 the General Assembly of the U.N. officially declared September 21 as the permanent date for the International Day of Peace.

F.I.R.E. has requested that the City of Kirkland proclaim September 21 as International Day of Peace in the city.

PROCLAMATION RECIPIENTS:

The following representatives from local congregations will be present at the September 18 meeting:

- Mohamed Jawad Khaki, Ithna-asheri Muslim Association of the Northwest (IMAN)
- Br. Hamed Esfahani, President of IMAN

- Rev. Katy McCallum Sachse, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (waiting to confirm)
- Pres. Richard Dudley, president of the Kirkland Stake
- Rev. Jason Boyd, United Church of Christ
- Rev. Kara Markell, Lake Washington Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Pastor Don Linblad, Trinity Reformed Baptist Church
- Suzanne Grogan, Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church
- Rev. Marian Stewart, Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming September 21 as “International Day of Peace” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the International Day of Peace, also known as “Peace Day,” was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the first Peace Day was celebrated in September 1982 in which the day was “devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples;” and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the General Assembly officially declared September 21 as the permanent date for the International Day of Peace; and

WHEREAS, a local effort called “Fostering Interfaith Relationships on the Eastside” (F.I.R.E.), through the collaboration of congregational leadership and membership seek to bring peace to the world and in and around Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, F.I.R.E. participated in the 2012 Celebrate Kirkland July 4 Parade and will be hosting a “Picnic for Peace” on Saturday, September 22 to carry the message of peace and promote International Day of Peace; and

WHEREAS, representatives from various faith organizations are present to receive this proclamation as a show of support for the vision of our world at peace and to foster cooperation between individuals, organizations, and nations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim September 21 as “International Day of Peace” in Kirkland, Washington and urge everyone including government, education, business, and faith-based community members and organizations to appropriately commemorate this day.

Signed this 18th day of September, 2012

Joan McBride, Mayor