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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager
Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator
Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

Date: August 30, 2011

Subject: Proclamation: Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry, September 24 – October 22, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor Joan McBride proclaim September 24 through October 22, 2011 as Eastside 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 24 and October 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items collected will be donated to the Emergency Feeding Program and to Hopelink. Collections will be accepted at Kirkland City Hall and Peter Kirk Community Center throughout the month.

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 the Youth Services Coordinator and Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator work closely with the grocery stores and volunteers to make Kirkland's food drive one of the most successful on the Eastside.

Ms. Tammi Broughton, Board of Directors, The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County and a representative from Hopelink will be present at the meeting to accept the proclamation.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating September 24 - October 22, 2011 as "Eastside's Month of Concern for the Hungry"

WHEREAS, the Cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Issaquah, Sammamish, North Bend, and Mercer Island recognize adequate nutrition as a basic goal for each citizen and support the efforts of local food banks and emergency feeding and meal programs; 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; and no elderly person's health should be jeopardized by lack of appropriate foods; and

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

WHEREAS, the human spirit will prevail in those who want to have a positive impact in the lives of others who are hungry and in need now as winter approaches and low incomes must be stretched to cover increasing fuel, electricity and rental costs; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County coordinates an annual food drive, which will be held at participating grocery stores throughout King County on Saturday, September 24, 2011 to help support the efforts of their program and area food banks in fighting hunger; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland neighborhood association members, community volunteers, and local grocery stores will support collection drives on September 24 and October 8, 2011 in Kirkland;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Joan McBride, on behalf of the Kirkland City Council, do hereby proclaim September 24 - October 22, 2011 as "**Eastside's Month of Concern for the Hungry**" and strongly urge all citizens to help those who are hungry by donating non-perishable items that will benefit the Emergency Feeding Program, Hopelink, Renewal Food Bank, ARAS Foundation, Issaquah Food Bank, and Mercer Island Food Pantry.

Signed this 20th day of September, 2011

Joan McBride, Mayor