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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Kathy Brown, Public Works Director

Date: September 1, 2016

Subject: NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION –
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 2016

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayor proclaims September 19-25, 2016 as National Pollution Prevention Week in Kirkland. This is the second year the City of Kirkland will recognize this week and this year we are celebrating it with neighboring jurisdiction, City of Bothell.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Each year the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) acknowledges "National Pollution Prevention Week" in honor of the United States Congress passing the Pollution Prevention (P2) Act in 1990. This year, we celebrate 26 years of pollution prevention efforts of the EPA, its state and local partners, industry and the public.

The following explains why the P2 Act was necessary (taken from the "Findings" section of P2 Act):

- The United States of America annually produces millions of tons of pollution and spends tens of billions of dollars per year controlling this pollution.
- There are significant opportunities for industry to reduce or prevent pollution at the source through cost-effective changes in production, operation, and raw materials use.
- The opportunities for source reduction are often not realized because existing regulations, and the industrial resources they require for compliance, focus upon treatment and disposal, rather than source reduction.
- Source reduction is fundamentally different and more desirable than waste management and pollution control.

The Pollution Prevention Act establishes a national policy (implemented by EPA) stating:

- Pollution should be prevented or reduced at the source whenever feasible;
- Pollution that cannot be prevented should be recycled in an environmentally safe manner whenever feasible;
- Pollution that cannot be prevented or recycled should be treated in an environmentally safe manner whenever feasible; and
- Disposal or other release into the environment should be employed only as a last resort and should be conducted in an environmentally safe manner.

The City of Kirkland is fortunate to have a workforce that strives to meet these goals with programs such as:

[Sewer & Septic](#)

- Food Service Waste Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) Inspections
- Sewer Source Control Business Visits

[Storm & Surface Water](#)

- Private Stormwater Maintenance Program
- Business Pollution Prevention, including technical assistance with:
 - Stormwater pollution practices
 - Hazardous Waste storage and disposal
 - Spill Prevention and Response, including free spill kits & training
- Car Wash Kits for businesses and charities
- Pet Waste Outreach
- Vehicle Maintenance - Don't Drip and Drive
- Adopt-a-Drain - Public and Private Storm Drain Markers
- Water Quality & Flooding Investigations
- 24/7 Spill Response and Clean-up
- Sandbag fill stations to prevent local flooding

[Kirkland Utilities - Water Information](#)

- Use of educator trucks for maintenance activities
- Best Management Practices used for flushing and saw cutting activities

[Kirkland Public Works - Streets and Grounds Maintenance](#)

- Street Sweeping
- Cross Kirkland Corridor Maintenance
 - Hand-pulling and treating invasive weeds with integrated pest management (IPM) methods

[Kirkland Development Engineering Group](#)

- Public Works Development Review
- Construction Inspection, including Erosion Control



[Kirkland Solid Waste Division - Garbage and Recycling](#)

- Solid Waste, Recycling, and Compost Programs
- Styrofest, providing free collection and recycling of Styrofoam
- Hazardous/Dangerous/Other materials collection and recycling, including but not limited to:
 - Batteries
 - Smoke detectors
 - Compact fluorescent light bulbs
 - Residential Used Cooking Oil
- Plastic Bag Reduction Policy
- Waste Reduction Toolkit for Multifamily Property Managers
- Unwanted Medicine Disposal Program
- Recycling Hotline

[Kirkland Development Transportation Group](#)

- Improvements to expand multi-modal transportation systems to reduce single passenger car use, which impacts air and water quality by reducing car use
- Improved neighborhood pathway and sidewalk programs to increase walking
- Improve bike use via increased biking accessories (bike racks, bike lockers, wayfinding signage, installation of greenways – safe biking routes)

[Planning Department Home Page](#)

- Urban Forestry Strategic Management Plan
- Low Impact Development Regulations & Incentives
- Tree Management Regulations
- Shoreline Master Program
- Stream and Wetland Regulations
- Slope Protection and Erosion Control Regulations

[Kirkland Green - City Wide Green Initiatives](#)

- Kirkland Green Building Program
- Regional Climate Collaboration impact reductions
- Solarize Kirkland
- Urban Forest Management Program
- Natural Restoration Projects w/Parks and Public Works Departments

Finally, enclosed within this packet is a proclamation, designating September 19-25, 2016 as National Pollution Prevention Week in the City of Kirkland. The Public Works Director will be on hand to receive the proclamation at the Tuesday, September 20th City Council meeting.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating September 19-25, 2016 as "National Pollution Prevention Week" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency acknowledges "National Pollution Prevention Week" in honor of the United States Congress passing the Pollution Prevention Act in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Pollution Prevention Act encourages pollution prevention by reducing or eliminating waste at the source by modifying production processes, promoting the use of nontoxic or less toxic substances, implementing conservation techniques, and reusing materials rather than putting them into the waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Environment Goal is to protect the natural environment through integrated natural resource management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland is a leader implementing programs and processes to prevent pollution, such as, but not limited to, Local Source Control Business Audits, Free Spill Kit distribution, Spill Response and Clean-up, After-Hours Response, Food Service Waste Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) Inspections, Public Works Development Review and Inspection, Solid Waste, Recycling, and Compost, Styrofest Events, Kirkland Green Building Program, Solarize Kirkland, Drug Take Back Program, Cross Kirkland Corridor Maintenance, Street Sweeping, Stream and Wetland Management, Tree Management Regulations, Neighborhood Pathway and Sidewalk improvements; and

WHEREAS, these services are provided by a diverse workforce with a variety of backgrounds and experience levels that share a common goal of protecting public health and the environment by reducing or eliminating sources of pollution before they enter our environment, including our wetlands, streams, and lakes, and prevents the need for costly controls and cleanup responses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-25, 2016 as "*National Pollution Prevention Week*" in the City of Kirkland, Washington, and call upon all citizens to protect natural resources by reducing and eliminating pollution at its source.

Signed this 20th day of September 2016

Amy Walen, Mayor