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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Regula Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator  
Carrie Hite, Deputy Director  
Jennifer Schroder, Director

**Date:** September 15, 2010

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

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation.

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

The Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry was first initiated by the city of Kirkland as an all city wide food drive in 2008, then challenging other eastside cities to join the efforts in 2009. After much success in 2009, the cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Issaquah, Mercer Island, and Sammamish are again partnering with Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County, Hopelink, World Impact Network Renewal Food Bank, ARAS Foundation Sammamish, Issaquah Food Bank, and the Mercer Island Food Bank for the regional eastside effort for the 2010 Month of Concern. The city of North Bend is also joining the effort this year.

The East King County food drive will be officially launched on September 25<sup>th</sup>, the official Day of Concern, and extend through October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. The Emergency Feeding Program sponsors a Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry in September every year. The Eastside planning group decided to launch on this day, to help kick off the Mayor's Day, and extend it to the Month of Concern for the Hungry. All participating cities will be holding store front drives on the Day of Concern as well as Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

As was the case last year, these efforts have been a true collaborative process. The City of Kirkland will provide promotional materials and news releases, City of Redmond will update the public service video created last year and the City of Bellevue is hosting the web page with an interactive map of the drop off locations. The food programs produced a common food list, routing the pickup map for all cities and overall project management.

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Kirkland's local efforts are being spearheaded by neighborhood leader Norm Storm. Norm has been an integral part in coordinating the two store front drives and promoting the Month of Concern throughout Kirkland. In addition to the store front drives, Kirkland will also have 10 drop off locations throughout the city during the entire month-long effort. Locations include all fire stations and community centers.

Brian Anderson, Operations Manager, Emergency Feeding Program and Rochelle Clayton from Hopelink will be present at the September 14, 2010 Council meeting to receive the Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation.





## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Designating September 25-October 23, 2010 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

**WHEREAS**, no parent should have to send a child to school hungry, no infant 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 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 25, 2010, to help support the efforts of their program and the area's food banks in fighting hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, the East King County Cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Issaquah, Sammamish, North Bend, and Mercer Island are committed to supporting the efforts of local food banks and emergency feeding and meal programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mayor Joan McBride, on behalf of the Kirkland City Council, do hereby proclaim September 25 - October 23, 2010 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 Sammamish, Issaquah Food Bank, Mt. Si Helping Hands Food Bank, and Mercer Island Food Bank.

Signed this 21<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010

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Joan McBride, Mayor