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Date: September 22, 2011

Subject: WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation for Walk Your Child to School Week.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

October 5 is international Walk to School Day. The City Council has presented Walk to School Week proclamations in past years to designate the annual Walk Your Child to School Week in Kirkland. This year the event is October 3rd – October 7th. Council members are invited to participate in the Feature Day for each elementary school and staff will be coordinating with Council schedules. The schedule is listed below.

Monday, October 3rd	8.30 – 9.00	Juanita
Tuesday, October 4th	8.30 – 9:00	Lakeview
Wednesday, October 5th	8.15 – 8.45	Peter Kirk
Wednesday, October 5th	8.00 – 9.00	Carl Sandburg
Thursday, October 6th	8.30 – 9.00	A. G. Bell
Thursday, October 6th	8.00 – 9.00	Henry David Thoreau
Monday, October 10th	8.30 – 9.00	Ben Franklin
Friday, October 14th	8.00 – 8.30	Mark Twain
Friday, October 14th	8.25 – 8.45	John Muir

Representatives from the individual elementary schools coordinate activities at their school. In past years, City Neighborhood Traffic Control Program staff has conducted a meeting with the representatives to share ideas and coordinate timing. This year a volunteer, recruited through the City's volunteer program, has contacted the schools and brought school representatives together. Police and Fire staff will be available to attend events and Ped Bee, the Pedestrian Safety Bee, will be at several schools throughout the week.

Chantal Mees Koch from Carl Sandburg Elementary School, Juliette Serr from Peter Kirk Elementary School and Margaret Landon from Ben Franklin Elementary School plan to attend the City Council meeting to accept the proclamation on behalf of all the participating schools.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming October 3 to 7, 2011, as "Walk Your Child to School Week" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the National Center for Safe Routes to School, a group working to improve safety and health and walking conditions for children, encourages local communities to support International Walk to School Day and similar activities; and

WHEREAS, walking to school encourages physical fitness through the easiest-to-do and most enjoyable form of exercise and promotes safety by teaching children the skills to walk safely and to identify safe routes to school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland recognizes the importance of pedestrian safety and has constructed multiple improvements to school walk routes across the City; and

WHEREAS, children, parents and community leaders in Kirkland are encouraged to walk to school every day but particularly during the week of October 3 through 7, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of October 3 to 7, 2011, as "Walk Your Child to School Week" in the City of Kirkland, Washington and encourage everyone to consider the safety of pedestrians today and every day.

Signed this 4th day of October, 2011

Joan McBride, Mayor