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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Amy Bolen, Executive Assistant
Date: September 23, 2014
Subject: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Domestic Violence is a serious problem that affects many people in the community. In 2013 the Kirkland Police Department responded to approximately 1,395 domestic related incidents, and added 258 new misdemeanor cases of domestic violence. Outreach to the community and individuals through education, advocacy and support will lead to the awareness and prevention of domestic violence in homes. City, county and state governments can play a significant role in ending domestic violence through public awareness efforts. Many domestic violence agencies, as well as other non-profit agencies, recognize October as awareness month.

Ward Urion, Social Change Manager of LifeWire, will attend the October 7 Council meeting to accept the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation on LifeWire's behalf.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating October 2014 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects one in every three million women around the world each year, and often has severe consequences for survivors, their children, their employers, and the community; and

WHEREAS, a survey performed by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence in 2005 found that domestic violence has a direct bearing on productivity, effectiveness, absenteeism, and employee turnover in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Kirkland Police Department responded to approximately 1,395 domestic related incidents, and added 258 new misdemeanor cases of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, stopping the cycle of this vicious crime requires not only the resolve and courage of survivors, but also the support and involvement of all of us including employers; and

WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts help to increase public awareness about the severity and extent of domestic violence, and, as a result, help to prevent acts of violence among family members while simultaneously helping to reduce the related costs to society and employers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland, in particular the Kirkland Police Department's Family Violence unit, will endeavor to raise awareness about domestic violence in general, and about how domestic violence affects the workplace, in particular;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, do hereby proclaim October 2014, as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in the City of Kirkland, and encourage all those who are impacted by domestic violence to seek help and find support, and all employers to educate their employees about domestic violence prevention; so that domestic violence has no future in Kirkland and throughout the world.

Signed this 7th day of October, 2014

Amy Walen, Mayor