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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Deb Powers, Urban Forester
Date: October 19, 2010
Subject: Kirkland Arbor Day 2010 Proclamation and Invitation

RECOMMENDATION

Approve attached proclamation.

BACKGROUND

Attached is the proclamation declaring **Saturday, November 13, 2010** as Arbor Day in the City of Kirkland. The Mayor, City Council and the public are invited to attend a natural area restoration planting and commemorative tree planting ceremony in Juanita Bay Park from 9am to noon.

The event is being co-hosted by the City of Kirkland and the Green Kirkland Partnership. Participants and volunteers are welcome to join the Green Kirkland Partnership in planting native trees and shrubs in areas of Juanita Bay Park that have been previously cleared of invasive vegetation. The Arbor Day festivities conclude at noon with Kirkland Mayor Joan McBride planting a native tree to celebrate Arbor Day.

This proclamation, along with the Arbor Day Ceremony, will fulfill one of the four standards required for Kirkland to become a Tree City USA for the Year 2010. The Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation requires annual renewal in order to show that the City has met all four standards:

1. Urban forest budget of at least \$2 per capita
2. An urban forestry board or related body
3. Tree regulation
4. Proclamation and celebration of Arbor Day.

Arbor Day 2010 will provide the criteria for Kirkland's 9th consecutive year as Tree City USA.

cc: Sharon Rodman
Paul Stewart



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating November 13, 2010 as Kirkland Arbor Day

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this celebration, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Washington, the "Evergreen State," has celebrated Arbor Day since 1917; and

WHEREAS, trees provide recreational benefit, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and minimize the adverse impacts of impervious surfaces thus reducing the public and private costs for stormwater management; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community which improves the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, trees wherever planted in Kirkland can be enjoyed by citizens and visitors, making Kirkland the place to be; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland received its 8th consecutive Tree City USA award from the National Arbor Day Foundation in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland's Arbor Day is a ceremony with the Green Kirkland Partnership to plant a native tree in Juanita Bay Park on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at noon in honor of the City of Kirkland's commitment to urban forestry and native areas restoration;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joan McBride, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2010 as Kirkland Arbor Day and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree, to support the City's efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our community forestry program.

Signed this 19th day of October, 2010

Joan McBride, Mayor