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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager
From: Brenda Cooper, Chief Information Officer
Date: November 11, 2008
Subject: GIS Day Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

Council authorizes the Mayor Lauinger to sign the GIS Day Proclamation.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

This year, the City of Kirkland's GIS program was recognized as one of the best in the world at the International ESRI Users Group. We are very proud of the hard and careful work done by our staff, and the support we receive from the City Council. We believe the program has helped Kirkland decision makers at the policy and staff level to understand the complex interplay of multiple topics through mapping and GIS Analysis. GIS is used in almost every area of the city from park planning to public safety, from utility mapping and maintenance through permitting.

This year the GIS Division and other GIS users from around the city will host approximately sixty students from the fifth grade at Peter Kirk Elementary School in the morning on GIS Day (November 19th). Around lunch we'll have special presentations and other information available for city staff.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating November 19, 2008 as *National Geographic Information System Day* in the City of Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week was first established in 1987 by a joint resolution of Congress and has been celebrated annually during the third week of November; and

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week promotes geographic literacy in schools, communities, and organizations, with a focus on the education of children and in honor of this year's celebration, activities are being held throughout the nation during the week of November 17 through 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, National GIS Day is held on the Wednesday during Geography Awareness Week and activities are planned for on November 19, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland Information Technology Department is committed to expanding GIS to the schools and general public in order to showcase real-world applications with GIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Lauinger, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, Washington do hereby proclaim November 19, 2008 as *National GIS Day* and urge all citizens to participate in GIS Day activities.

Signed this 18th day of November, 2008

James L. Lauinger, Mayor