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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Brenda Cooper, Chief Information Officer
Date: November 6, 2014
Subject: GIS Day Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor proclaims Wednesday, November 19, 2014 as GIS Day in the City of Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

The Information Technology Department is very proud of the enterprise Geographic Information System (GIS) that the city has built together. It is truly a collaborative process among GIS professional staff, city staff in nearly all work groups that use and help maintain this system, department directors, the City Council, and the community at large.

The GIS 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 tools. GIS is used in almost every discipline at the city including park planning, environmental stewardship, development review, long-range planning, economic development, public safety, and street use.

As an organization we can also be proud of leveraging our investment in GIS to make government information and activities more accessible to the community, as in two new services, *Kirkland Maps* (<http://maps.kirklandwa.gov/SilverlightViewer/Viewer.html?Viewer=KirklandPublic>) and the *Capital Improvement Projects* Map (<http://maps.kirklandwa.gov/Html5Viewer/?viewer=CapitalImprovement>).



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming November 19, 2014 as GIS (Geographic Information System) Day in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland has implemented a highly successful enterprise-wide Geographic Information System (GIS) in support of its goals, policies, and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City's GIS has provided significant benefits to staff, the community, and our partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, the National Geographic Society and other organizations annually promote "Geography Awareness Week" which is designated this year as November 16-22, 2014 and also includes celebrating "GIS Day" on November 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City utilizes GIS technology for many priority projects including Kirkland Maps, Kirkland 2035, Capital Improvement Projects Interactive Map, Crime Mapping, citywide GIS Browsers, NWMaps.net and other GIS mapping tools; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland city staff support "GIS Day" in recognition of the contribution this technology has made to a vibrant, livable, and connected community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2014 as "GIS Day" in the City of Kirkland and invite the community to take advantage of web-enabled GIS portals to learn more about city activities and information.

Signed this 18th day of November, 2014

Amy Walen, Mayor