

CITY OF KIRKLAND

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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
MEMORANDUM**

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Tracy Burrows, Senior Management Analyst

Date: March 23, 2006

Subject: Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Keri Andrews, Advisory Board Member of Children's Response Center, will be present at the April 4th City Council meeting to receive the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation. Children's Response Center provides services for children who have been sexually assaulted or are victims of other trauma via counseling and legal and medical advocacy. The Center provides training around issues of child maltreatment, prevention of abuse, etc., in addition to trying to raise awareness in the community about the issues.

The City Council has supported the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation since 2002.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating the month of April, 2006 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” of the City of Kirkland

WHEREAS, child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on collaborative efforts among people in the community; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, the medical and business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing, and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Children’s Response Center and the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect are collaborating to promote awareness on issues concerning abused and neglected children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James L. Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2006 as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* in the City of Kirkland and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to participate in our efforts to prevent child abuse by wearing or displaying a blue ribbon in April, as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse in the communities in which we live.

Signed this 4th day of April, 2006

James L. Lauinger, Mayor