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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Tracy Burrows, Senior Management Analyst

Date: April 20, 2006

Subject: Relay for Life Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION**:**

It is recommended that Mayor James L. Lauinger proclaim May 6 - 7, 2006 *Relay for Life Days.*

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Erin Becker, PR Chair for the Redmond-Kirkland Relay for Life event, requested a proclamation for their event May 6 - 7. It is an overnight community event team fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society held at Redmond High School. Last year they raised over $173,000 and their goal this year is $200,000.

The participants are teams of runners and walkers who have at least one team member on the track at all time. They start at noon on Saturday and go continuously until 9 a.m. Sunday. The theme this year is "The Olympics" and will honor survivors and those who lost their battle with cancer. Many in our community are participating including Kirkland City Staff member Janet Jonson. Mayor Lauinger will be at the event to deliver the proclamation.

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating May 6-7, 2006 as "Relay for Life Days" In the City of Kirkland

WHEREAS, Relay for Life is the signature fund-raising activity for the American Cancer Society and honors cancer survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer) and those lost to the disease; and

WHEREAS, money raised during the overnight American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Redmond-Kirkland helps support research, education, advocacy, and patient services; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life helps fund more than $100 million in cancer research each year and is celebrated in over 4,200 communities across the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James L. Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim May 6 and 7, 2006 as *Relay for Life Days* in the City of Kirkland and encourage citizens to participate in the Redmond-Kirkland Relay for Life at Redmond High School on May 6 and 7, 2006.

Signed this 2nd day of May, 2006

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James L. Lauinger, Mayor