



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND**

### **Department of Public Works**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director

**Date:** May 4, 2006

**Subject:** Proclamation for Public Works Week, May 21-27, 2006

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor James L. Lauinger proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2006, as 'Public Works Week' for the City of Kirkland to acknowledge the contributions of the Public Works Department staff to the quality of life in the City of Kirkland.

### BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

The National American Public Works Association (APWA) each year sets aside one week to acknowledge the value of public works to community vitality. The purpose is two-fold; one, to honor the contributions of the field, engineering and administrative staff in the public works profession, and second, to inform the public of the value and benefits of various elements of the public works infrastructure. In response, the City of Kirkland Public Works Department is hosting an open house at City Hall for the public on May 23, 2006. There will be education booths and activities for children available. In addition, we request the Mayor proclaim the week of May 21-27, as 'Public Works Week.' Public Works Director Daryl Grigsby will be available to accept the proclamation.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Designating May 21-27, 2006 as “Public Works Week” in the City of Kirkland

**WHEREAS**, Public Works is an essential fabric of the quality of life in modern society, and

**WHEREAS**, many of the benefits we take for granted, clean water, drainage, safe roads, solid waste pick up, bike lanes, safe walk routes, wastewater collection, and other elements are built or inspected by, and maintained by our Public Works Department, and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens, businesses, and visitors are served by the public infrastructure of the City, and

**WHEREAS**, among the inventory maintained by Public Works includes, 310 lane miles of roads, 29 lighted crosswalks, 202 vehicles, 168 miles of water mains, 141 miles of storm pipe, 114 miles of sewer main, 200,000 square feet of buildings and grounds, and

**WHEREAS**, the 102 employees of the Kirkland Public Works Department are among the most efficient, talented, dedicated and caring workers anywhere, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kirkland Public Works Department is known around the state for being innovative and professional, and

**WHEREAS**, every month the City receives phone calls, emails, letters and comments regarding excellent customer service and responsiveness from Public Works staff

**WHEREAS**, the American Public Works Association is celebrating the contributions of public works departments across the United States this month,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, James L. Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2006, as Public Works Week in the City of Kirkland, and call upon all citizens to join me in appreciating both the staff of the Kirkland Public Works Department; and the infrastructure they maintain on our behalf. Whenever you drive, walk, drink, recycle, bike, flush; or almost anything else you do in the City of Kirkland, appreciate the quality of the infrastructure, and the professionalism of the people who deliver it to all of us.

Signed this 16th day of May, 2006

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James L. Lauinger, Mayor