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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dave Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Jennifer Schroder, CPRP,  
Director of Parks and Community Services

**Date:** June 19, 2006

**Subject:** Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Mayor James L. Lauinger proclaim the month of July "*Recreation and Parks Month.*"

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Parks Association has designated the month of July as "*Recreation and Parks Month.*" Recreation facilities and parks across the country annually use July to celebrate the kick-off of summer programming as well as a time to pull their communities together to volunteer, get involved in outdoor physical activities and advocate for parks and recreation.

As part of this month's celebration Kirkland Parks and Community Services is planning activities to keep the community active and involved including the Concert Series at Marina Park Pavilion, Kirkland Steppers, Juanita Bay Wildlife tours, Learn to Swim classes, and many more programs and classes!

Chuck Bartlett, Chair of the Kirkland Park Board, will accept the proclamation.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Designating the month of July, 2006 as “Parks and Recreation Month” of the City of Kirkland

**WHEREAS**, parks, recreation activities, and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation create lifelines and continued life experiences for older members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community through fun, recreational pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, park and recreation agencies provide outlets for physical activities, socialization, and stress-reducing experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, playgrounds, ballfields, nature trails, open spaces, community and cultural centers, and historic sites make a community attractive and desirable places to live, work, play, and visit thus contributing to our ongoing economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, greenways, and open space provide a welcome respite from our fast-paced, high-tech lifestyles while protecting and preserving our natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation agencies touch the lives of individuals, families, groups, and the entire community in ways which positively impact the social, economic, health and environmental quality of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James L. Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim July as “**Recreation and Parks Month**” and encourage all citizens to celebrate by participating in their choice of pleasurable activities with family, friends and neighbors.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

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James L. Lauinger, Mayor