



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Tracy Burrows, Senior Management Analyst

Date: September 11, 2006

Subject: Day of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor James L. Lauinger proclaim September 30, 2006 *"Day of Concern for the Hungry"*.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Arthur R. Lee, Executive Director of Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle-King County, requested a proclamation by Mayor Lauinger. The Emergency Feeding Program has for many years sought to provide balanced, nutritious meals to hungry people and recognizes that adequate nutrition is a basic goal for each citizen. The organization knows that the needs of the hungry increases as winter approaches and their low incomes must stretch to cover increasing fuel, electricity and rental costs, leaving less money for food. The Emergency Feeding Program coordinates an annual food drive to help support the efforts of their program and the local food banks, which will be held at grocery stores throughout King County on Saturday September 30, 2006.

Brian Anderson, Eastside Coordinator for the Emergency Feeding Program will be attending the September 19th Council meeting to accept the Day of Concern for the Hungry proclamation on their behalf.

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating September 30, 2006, As a “Day of Concern for the Hungry”

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland recognizes adequate nutrition as a basic goal for each citizen; and

WHEREAS, no child should have to come to school hungry, no baby should be without the comfort of the feedings needed for both mental and physical health, no elderly person’s health should be jeopardized by lack of appropriate foods; and

WHEREAS, food banks, the City of Kirkland, churches, social service agencies, and hundreds of volunteers are striving day in and day out to stem the tide of hunger, but still need more help; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Feeding Program has, for many years, sought to provide balanced, nutritious meals to hungry people; and

WHEREAS, when the citizens of Kirkland hear of the needs of the hungry as winter approaches and their low incomes must stretch to cover increasing fuel, electricity and rental costs-leaving even less money for monthly food purchase, an outpouring of assistance will follow; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Feeding Program coordinates an annual food drive to help support the efforts of their program and the area’s food banks in fighting hunger which will be held at grocery stores throughout King County on Saturday, September 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James L. Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2006 as *Day of Concern for the Hungry* in the City of Kirkland and strongly urge all citizens to join the Emergency Feeding Program to feed those who are hungry.

Signed this 19th day of September, 2006

James L. Lauinger, Mayor