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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Tracy Burrows, Senior Management Analyst

**Date:** January 30, 2007

**Subject:** Kirkland Founders Week

RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the Kirkland Founders Week Proclamation.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Kirkland Founders Week coincides with Peter Kirk's birthday and celebrates the founding of the City of Kirkland. The Kirkland Heritage Society has furthered public awareness of our founders, along with collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting all other aspects of the history and heritage of Kirkland and its people. A representative of the Kirkland Heritage Society will be present at the February 6th City Council meeting to receive the Kirkland Founders Week proclamation.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Designating February 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> as “Kirkland Founders Week” of the City of Kirkland

**WHEREAS**, Peter Kirk, Walter Williams, John Kellett, Leigh Hunt and Reginald Collins are recognized as those who founded our city; and

**WHEREAS**, they worked in the late 1880's and 1890's to build a community with a steel empire unrivaled on the Western Coast of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, by their efforts, they brought forth the beginnings of the present city, which would come to bear the name of Peter Kirk; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Kirkland recognizes their role in our early history, and their impact on the city including its Incorporation in 1905; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kirkland Heritage Society has furthered public awareness of our founders, along with collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting all other aspects of the history and heritage of Kirkland and its people;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James L. Lauinger, Mayor of the City of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim February 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, as *Kirkland Founders Week* in Kirkland, and urge all the citizens of Kirkland to honor the memory of those who helped found our city.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007

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James L. Lauinger, Mayor