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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

**Date:** January 29, 2008

**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. Bob Burke and other representatives of the Kirkland Heritage Society will be present at the February 5th City Council meeting to receive the Kirkland Founders Week proclamation.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### Designating February 10 – 16, 2008 as “Kirkland Founders Week” in the City of Kirkland, Washington

**WHEREAS**, Peter Kirk, Walter Williams, John Kellett, Leigh Hunt and Reginald Collins are recognized as the founders of Kirkland, Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, In the late 1880's and 1890's these early settlers began to build a community with a steel empire unrivaled on the Western Coast of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, these pioneers 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 the vital role these frontiersmen played in its early history, and the impact on the City including its incorporation in 1905; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kirkland Heritage Society has furthered public awareness of Kirkland's 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 10th to the 16th, 2008, as *Kirkland Founders Week* in Kirkland, Washington and urge all the citizens of Kirkland to honor the memory of those who helped found our city.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008

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James L. Lauinger, Mayor