



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: May 13, 2008

Subject: Relay for Life Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor James L. Lauinger proclaim June 7-8, 2008 *Relay for Life Days*.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Erin Becker, chair of the Redmond-Kirkland Relay for Life event, has requested a proclamation to recognize the June 7 – 8 event. It is an overnight community event team fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society held at Redmond High School. Last year \$150,000 was raised and the same goal has been set for this year.

The participants are teams of runners and walkers who have at least one team member on the track at all time. They start at noon on Saturday and go continuously until 9 a.m. Sunday. The theme this year is "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back." to honor survivors and those who lost their battle with cancer. Many in our community are participating including Kirkland City Staff member Janet Jonson and Brenda Cooper.

Attending the June 3rd City Council meeting will be Cindy Sheehan, Corporate Sponsorship Chair and Co-Captain of team 'Kick Cancer's Butt', Nicole D'Alessandro, a top fund-raiser and doing this as her Senior Project (and JJ's grand-daughter), Kathy Kahn, captain of last year's top fund-raising team and Erin Becker of the American Cancer Society.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating June 7-8, 2008 as “Relay for Life Days” in the City of Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, Relay for Life is the signature fund-raising activity for the American Cancer Society which honors cancer survivors and those lost their lives to the disease; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life helps fund more than \$100 million in cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services each year and;

WHEREAS, The Relay for Life of Redmond-Kirkland event will be held June 7 – 8, 2008 at Redmond High School; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life of Redmond-Kirkland participants seek pledges that will help them achieve their goal of \$150,000 and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James L. Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim June 7 and 8, 2008 as *Relay for Life Days* in the City of Kirkland and encourage citizens to participate in or pledge to the Redmond-Kirkland Relay for Life at Redmond High School on June 7 and 8, 2008.

Signed this 3rd day of June, 2008

James L. Lauinger, Mayor