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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

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

**Date:** September 4, 2008

**Subject:** Day of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor James L. Lauinger proclaim September 27, 2008 *"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 27, 2008. Local stores include the Rose Hill Safeway and Parkplace QFC. A complete list can be found at [www.emergencyfeeding.org](http://www.emergencyfeeding.org)

Brian Anderson, Program Coordinator for the Emergency Feeding Program will be attending the September 16th Council meeting to accept the Day of Concern or the Hungry proclamation on their behalf.



## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

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### **Designating September 27, 2008, as a “Day of Concern for the Hungry” in the City of Kirkland, Washington**

**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**, those in need now will be more impacted as Winter approaches because their low incomes must stretch to cover increasing fuel, electricity and rental costs-leaving even less money for monthly food purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, social service agencies, the faith community, food banks, the City of Kirkland, and hundreds of volunteers are constantly striving to stem the tide of hunger, but still need more help; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County has, for many years, sought to provide balanced, nutritious meals to hungry people; 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 27, 2008, including the Rose Hill Safeway and Parkplace QFC.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, James L. Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2008 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 16th day of September, 2008

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James L. Lauinger, Mayor