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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
MEMORANDUM**

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: September 23, 2008

Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

Council authorizes the Mayor Lauinger to sign the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Domestic Violence is a serious crime that affects women, children and their community. Outreaching to communities and individuals through education, advocacy and support will lead to the awareness and prevention of domestic violence in homes. City, county and state governments can play a significant role in ending domestic violence through public awareness efforts. Many domestic violence agencies as well as other non-profit agencies recognize October as the awareness month.

The Eastside Domestic Violence Program (EDVP) is a City of Kirkland human service provider and offers clients the following services:

Confidential Shelter:	Provides confidential and safe shelter and 24-hour crisis counseling.
Early Crisis Intervention:	Provides council to domestic violence victims
Community Advocacy & Education:	Provides support, education, and advocacy for domestic violence victims, through crisis intervention, and coordination with the criminal justice system and other service providers

EDVP Board Member Ray DiCasparro will be attending the October 7th Council meeting to accept the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating October 2008 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Kirkland

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects almost four million women each year and often has severe consequences for survivors, their children, their employers, and the community;

WHEREAS, the national Crime Survey found that domestic violence has a direct bearing on productivity, effectiveness, absenteeism, and employee turnover in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, stopping the cycle of this vicious crime requires not only the resolve and courage of survivors, but also the support and involvement of all of us, including employers; and

WHEREAS, in Washington State, more than 400 people were killed between 1997 and 2006 due to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, on average, in King County, there are more than 90,000 domestic violence related incidents each year and more than 800 incidents in the City of Kirkland in 2007; and

WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts help to increase public awareness about the severity and extent of domestic violence, and, as a result, help to prevent acts of violence among family members while simultaneously helping to reduce the related costs to society and employers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland Police Department, through its Family Violence Unit, and the Eastside Domestic Violence Program, endeavor to raise awareness about domestic violence in general, and about how domestic violence affects the workplace, in particular;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James L. Lauinger, do hereby proclaim October 2008, as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in the City of Kirkland and encourage all City of Kirkland employees and Kirkland residents to dedicate themselves to reducing domestic violence in our community and region, and I call upon all employers to educate their employees about domestic violence and to inform them about available community resources.

Signed this 7th day of October 2008,

James L. Lauinger, Mayor