



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Marie Stake, Communications Program Manager

Date: May 21, 2009

Subject: Relay for Life Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mayor James L. Lauinger proclaim June 6-7, 2009 *Relay for Life Days*.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Kelly Cochran, chair of the Redmond-Kirkland Relay for Life event, has requested a proclamation to recognize the June 2009 event. It is an overnight community event team fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society held at Redmond High School. Last year \$93,125 was raised and \$97,000 has been set as the goal 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.

Attending the June 2nd City Council meeting will be the 'Kick Cancer's Butt' team.

Relay for Life event information can be found at www.relayforlife.org.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Designating June 6-7, 2009 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 who 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, Relay for Life presents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten; that those who face cancer will be supported and that one day cancer will be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, The Relay for Life of Redmond-Kirkland event will be held June 6 – 7, 2009 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 6 and 7, 2009 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 event.

Signed this 2nd day of June, 2009

James L. Lauinger, Mayor