



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director
Noel Schoneman, Neighborhood Traffic Control Coordinator

Date: September 24, 2009

Subject: "KIRKLAND WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL" PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayor proclaim that the week of October 5 – October 9, 2009, as "Kirkland Walk Your Child to School Week".

BACKGROUND:

This week, October 5th through 9th, is International Walk Your Child to School Week and Kirkland is proud to actively celebrate this event. Kirkland's elementary schools are participating, encouraging hundreds of children to safely walk to school. Groups that helped make this event a success:

- PTSA leaders
- School staff
- City staff in the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments
- City Council Members

We hope that by encouraging parents to walk with their children, we will nurture safe and healthy travel habits among our young people.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Recognizing October 5-9, 2009, as "Kirkland Walk to School Week"

Whereas, October 5 – 9, 2009 has been declared Walk to School Week by Partnership for a Walkable America; and

Whereas, children, parents and community leaders are joining together nationwide to walk to school and to evaluate pedestrian safety in their community; and

Whereas, the "Kirkland Walk Your Child To School" event supports the goals of the Active Transportation Plan which was adopted in March, 2009; and

Whereas, walking to school encourages physical fitness and promotes safety by teaching children the skills to walk safely and to identify safe routes to school; and

Whereas, walking to school during this week allows local community leaders, parents, and children to share valuable time with each other;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Lauinger, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim October 5th to 9th, 2009, as Walk to School Week in the City of Kirkland and encourage everyone to consider the safety of pedestrians today and everyday.

Signed this 6th day of October, 2009

Jim Lauinger, Mayor