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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Michael Cogle, Interim Director
Leslie R. Miller, Human Services Coordinator

Date: April 7, 2016

Subject: YWCA USA'S STAND AGAINST RACISM DAY PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor proclaim April 29, 2016 as YWCA USA's Stand Against Racism Day in Kirkland, Washington.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Stand Against Racism is a signature campaign of YWCA USA to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities.

Since city governments can play a significant role in ending racism through public awareness efforts, staff will post the proclamation online and provide access to the YWCA resources through the City of Kirkland website and other social media.

Gina Yarwood, YWCA Director of Suburban King County Regional Services is happy to attend the April 19 Council meeting to accept the proclamation.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming April 29 as “YWCA USA’s Stand Against Racism Day” in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, all citizens regardless of race, creed or ethnicity deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion and justice; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of racism can be achieved only with the participation of all citizens in dialogue, reflection and action; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland supports the YWCA’s mission to eliminate racial inequalities in employment, education, healthcare, housing, human services and other areas that affect quality of life; and

WHEREAS, on the last Friday of April each year, hundreds of thousands of people all across the United States of America gather with the YWCA to spread awareness about the root causes of racism and encourage conversations among diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, April 29, 2016 marks the occasion of the annual “Stand Against Racism Day,” a signature campaign of YWCA USA designed to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impacts of institutional and structural racism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as “YWCA USA’s Stand Against Racism Day” in our City and encourage residents, local businesses, educators, and community and faith-based organizations to celebrate diversity and advocate for the elimination of racism.

Signed this 19th day of April, 2016

Amy Walen, Mayor