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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: James Lopez, Assistant City Manager
Kellie Stickney, Communications Program Manager

Date: March 27, 2019

Subject: LEGO Lassies Month Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council proclaim April 2019 as "LEGO Lassies" month in Kirkland, Washington.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Recently, the "LEGO Lassies", an all-girl robotics team comprised of 6th graders, three of which are Kirkland residents, beat out over 500 teams to become the Western Washington State Champions at the FIRST Washington robotics competition. FIRST Washington is a program that uses robotics and mentors to inspire young people to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

The "LEGO Lassies" spent numerous hours since the beginning of the school year working to build a robot that could solve complex missions. Their robot, "Lassie 2.0" is built and coded to tackle 15 missions on a space-themed course.

Recently, the "Lego Lassies" won the inaugural Geekwire Robotics Cup. Due to their numerous victories, the "Lego Lassies" will be representing Kirkland at the 2019 FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas on April 17-20.

For more information about the incredible achievements of the "LEGO Lassies" please read a recent article featured in Geekwire:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.geekwire.com/2019/lego-lassies-team-girls-seattle-suburb-ride-robotics-success-world-championships/amp/>.

Members of the "Lego Lassies" will attend the April 2 Council meeting to receive the proclamation from Mayor Sweet.



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming “LEGO Lassies Month” in Kirkland to Honor the Achievements of the LEGO Lassies

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland honors the exceptional achievements of our young residents; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland and the eastside are home to world-class technology companies; and

WHEREAS, the “LEGO Lassies”, are an all-girl robotics team comprised of six 6th grade students including: Kathryn Bradley, Cate Harrington, Willow Cook, Ayuka Sakaki, Shreya Jaisingh, and Hadley Cole; and

WHEREAS, three of the students on the team attend Kirkland’s Finn Hill Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the “LEGO Lassies” invested no less than five hours per week since the beginning of the school year to build and program their autonomous robot to solve complex missions; and

WHEREAS, their robot, Lassie 2.0, is built and coded by the team to tackle 15 missions on a space-themed course; and

WHEREAS, the “LEGO Lassies” recently won the inaugural Geekwire Robotics Cup; and

WHEREAS, the “LEGO Lassies” won the First Place Performance award and the First Place Innovative Solution trophy at the Seattle Semifinals; and

WHEREAS, the “LEGO Lassies” beat out over 500 teams to become the Western WA State Champions at the FIRST Washington robotics competition; and

WHEREAS, the “LEGO Lassies” will be representing the Kirkland community and competing with over 1400 teams and more than 30,000 students at the 2019 FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas on April 17-20; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Penny Sweet, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as “Lego Lassies Month” in Kirkland, Washington, and call upon residents and businesses to support these amazing girls as they represent our community at the World Championship in Houston.

Signed this 2nd day of April, 2019

Penny Sweet, Mayor