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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Cherie Harris, Chief of Police  
Lisa Brouelette, Lieutenant

**Date:** April 20, 2021

**Subject:** National Correctional Officers Week Proclamation

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor proclaim May 2-8, 2021 as National Correctional Officers Week.

## **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

National Correctional Officers Week is an annual week-long celebration of the professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by Correctional Officers as they perform increasingly complex and demanding roles. On May 5, 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation creating "National Correctional Officers Week" which would fall on the first full week of May each year.

Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 132, designated the week beginning May 6, 1984 as "National Correctional Officers Week" and authorized the President to issue an appropriate proclamation. Each year since then, the first week of May has been dedicated to recognizing the valuable contributions to public safety made by Correctional Officers.

The City of Kirkland currently employs 18 corrections officers at the Kirkland Police Department Correctional Facility. These staff play an important role in safeguarding the community by providing safe, secure and humane incarceration of those within their custody. The dedication and courage of our corrections personnel were especially highlighted at the onset of the pandemic, as specific protocols and measures were put in place to protect the health and safety of those in custody as well as corrections personnel. Our personnel's service to our community during this challenging time has been exemplary.

Kirkland's correctional facility is housed at the Kirkland Justice Center. Opened in May 2014, the Justice Center locates the base for court, police, and corrections services and is centrally located in Totem Lake. The City invested approximately \$35 million to purchase the building and renovate it to a state-of-the-art facility that was awarded the Silver designation for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

By proclaiming the week of May 2-8, 2021, National Correctional Officers Week, all Kirkland residents and businesses will be encouraged to recognize and thank all Correctional Officers for their courage, service and dedication during this week and throughout the year.

Attachment A: Proclamation



# A Proclamation of the City of Kirkland

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## Proclaiming May 2-8, 2021 as "National Correctional Officers Week" in Kirkland

**WHEREAS**, the professionalism, courage and dedication of Correctional Officers are deserving of recognition for their valuable role in supporting public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984 Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 132, designated the week beginning May 6, 1984 as "National Correctional Officers Week" and authorized the President to issue an appropriate proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984 President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation creating "National Correctional Officers Week" which would fall on the first full week of May each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kirkland operates a correctional facility housed at the Kirkland Justice Center, a state-of-the-art, LEED® Silver-designated center for court, police, and corrections that opened in May 2014 and represents an investment of approximately \$35 million by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, National Correctional Officers Week in the City of Kirkland recognizes employees of the Kirkland Police Department Correctional Facility for their role in safeguarding the community by providing safe, secure and humane incarceration of those within their custody; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kirkland Police Department currently employs 18 well trained, educated and highly skilled Correctional Officers who work in a demanding environment with great responsibility in carrying out the mandates of the court, while assisting those who are experiencing incarceration in developing social and life skills to reduce recidivism;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Penny Sweet, Mayor of Kirkland, Washington, proclaim the week of May 2-8, 2021 as National Correctional Officers Week in Kirkland and call upon the people of Kirkland to express their gratitude and appreciation for the professionalism, courage, dedication and valuable contributions made to public safety by Kirkland Correctional Officers.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021

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Penny Sweet, Mayor