



## PROCLAMATION

### Of The City of Burien, Washington

A Proclamation recognizing Northwest Children's Fund on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and proclaiming April 2010 Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Burien.

**Whereas** the Burien City Council believes children are our most valuable asset; and

**Whereas** the City of Burien strives to provide the best environment in which children can thrive; and

**Whereas** the City wishes to promote nurturing, safe and healthy homes for all children; and

**Whereas** during periods of economic challenge families feel more vulnerable, and, as a result, child abuse and neglect increase; and

**Whereas** research shows that for every dollar spent on child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention our state saves many times that amount on after-the-fact expenses such as protective services, counseling, criminal justice and special education; and

**Whereas** Northwest Children's Fund, a nonprofit that funds child-welfare programs around the Puget Sound region, has distributed nearly \$10 million dollars to end child abuse and neglect by supporting programs for at-risk children and their families; and

**Whereas** Northwest Children's Fund has focused on healing abused children, helping at-risk youth and strengthening fragile families since 1985;

**Now therefore** the Burien City Council recognizes Northwest Children's Fund for its 25 years of commitment to ending child abuse and neglect in our community and proclaims April, 2010 Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Burien; and

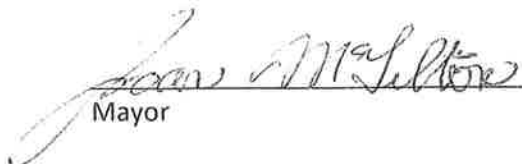
**Be it further resolved** that the Burien City Council encourages Burien residents to support children's physical, emotional and spiritual development and to help end child abuse and neglect by supporting at-risk youth and fragile families at every opportunity.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

Mayor Joan McGilton  
Councilmember Brian Bennett  
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