

RESOLUTION R-5507

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND ACKNOWLEDGING THE FIRST PEOPLE OF PRESENT-DAY KIRKLAND AND ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL LOCAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CITY IN VARIOUS PLANS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS.

1           WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the Council adopted  
2 Resolution R-5240 declaring Kirkland a Safe, Inclusive and  
3 Welcoming community for all people; and  
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5           WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the Council adopted  
6 Resolution R-5434, committing to examining and dismantling  
7 interpersonal, institutional and structural racism in Kirkland; and  
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9           WHEREAS, a land acknowledgement is a formal statement  
10 that pays tribute to, expresses gratitude and respect for, and  
11 helps raise awareness of the Indigenous inhabitants of the local  
12 land; and  
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14           WHEREAS, land acknowledgements have been adopted by  
15 other cities in Washington, including the cities of Edmonds,  
16 Everett, and Spokane, and across the nation, including the cities  
17 of Denver, Colorado; Eureka, California; and Eden Prairie,  
18 Minnesota; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the City has developed a hyper-local Kirkland  
21 Native History Document and formal local land acknowledgement  
22 in collaboration with the Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie,  
23 and Suquamish Tribes for review by the Kirkland community and  
24 approval by the City Council; and  
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26           WHEREAS, through the development of the hyper-local  
27 Kirkland Native Document and formal local land  
28 acknowledgement, the City is not taking a position on the status  
29 of federal recognition for any tribe.  
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31           NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the  
32 City of Kirkland as follows:  
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34           Section 1. The City Council adopts the following Local Land  
35 Acknowledgement (Acknowledgement) for official use by the City:  
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37           We acknowledge that the Southern Salish Sea  
38 region lies on the unceded and ancestral land of the  
39 Coast Salish peoples, the Duwamish, Muckleshoot,  
40 Puyallup, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Snohomish,  
41 Suquamish and Tulalip tribes and other tribes of the  
42 Puget Sound Salish people, and that present-day  
43 City of Kirkland is in the traditional heartland of the  
44 Lake People and the River People. We honor with  
45 gratitude the land itself, the First People – who have

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reserved treaty rights and continue to live here since time immemorial – and their ancestral heritage.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to implement the City's Acknowledgement in various situations such as, but not limited to, at the start of City events and meetings, in facility signage, in place-name and interpretive signage, on the City's website, and in City plans and other documents. The Acknowledgement posted to the City's website shall be considered the City's initial official Acknowledgement. The City Manager shall draft a Local Land Acknowledgement Guide for approval by the Council and use by City staff.

Section 3. The City Manager shall encourage continued learning and dialogue about the Acknowledgement amongst staff and within the community and shall implement necessary updates to the Acknowledgement that may be identified. The City Manager shall incorporate community feedback to create a Local Land Acknowledgement usage guide for community groups, businesses, and other community members.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 14 day of December, 2021.

Signed in authentication thereof this 14 day of December, 2021.

  
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Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kathi Anderson, City Clerk