

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Arbor Day Proclamation
DEPARTMENT:	City Council/City Manager/City Clerk
PRESENTED BY:	City Council
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

INTRODUCTION

In 1872, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in the State of Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. The City of Shoreline has long recognized the benefit of improving the natural environment for present and future generations. Natural areas, trees, and landscapes provide not only community beautification but also economic and environmental benefits.

This proclamation recognizes Arbor Day in the City of Shoreline and encourages Shoreline citizens to participate in appropriate activities and to enjoy the parks and other natural areas in our community. National Arbor Day for 2012 is April 27.

Bill Clements, the Chairman of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board and the City's Tree Board will be present to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council declare April 27, 2012 as a day to recognize Arbor Day in the City of Shoreline.

Approved By: City Manager *JU* City Attorney ____



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and
- Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- Whereas, trees provide special benefits in urban areas, holding water and reducing runoff during storms, mitigating urban heat island effects, and filtering pollutants from urban air; and
- Whereas, trees contribute to reducing global climate change directly by sequestering carbon and indirectly by reducing air conditioner use, thus saving fuel; and
- Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and
- Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;
- Now, Therefore, I Keith McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations. I do hereby proclaim April 27, 2012 as

ARBOR DAY

In the City of Shoreline.

Keith McGlashan, Mayor of Shoreline