

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: "Day of Unity" Proclamation
DEPARTMENT: Communications and Intergovernmental Relations
PRESENTED BY: Joyce Nichols, Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:


As we are all aware, September 11 is a date when all Americans will be reflecting on last year's tragic events and commemorating the sacrifices and heroism of that day. Across the state and the nation, various activities are planned to unite all our citizens in recalling and honoring those involved.

On June 10, 2002, Deborah Todd came to the City Council meeting and asked for Council support for a group of Shoreline citizens planning to emphasize the strength and unity of our community as the appropriate tribute to the events of September 11. Ms. Todd also asked that the Mayor and Council proclaim September 11, 2002 as "A Day of Unity" in Shoreline as part of a slate of activities planned to observe this anniversary.

The "Day of Unity" proclamation asks Shoreline citizens to observe the first anniversary of September 11 by focusing not on the issues that divide us, but on the things that bring us together as a human family. Ms. Todd, or a member of her group, will be present at the Council meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

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Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney *NJA*

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, when the symbols of America were attacked on September 11, 2001, the entire planet responded with outrage and horror at the thousands of lives lost and the extreme human tragedy that unfolded; and

WHEREAS, along with this grief and pain came an unprecedented show of support and unity; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Shoreline wish to observe the first anniversary of September 11 by focusing on this sense of unity; and

WHEREAS, celebrating our capacity to unite as one community and one nation by having "A Day of Unity" is a very positive way to commemorate the sacrifices of our fellow citizens on September 11; and

WHEREAS, a celebration of a "Day of Unity" can occur in a myriad of ways among individual organizations, businesses, faith communities and schools, including an interfaith devotional meeting, a commitment to volunteer for a worthy organization, or performance of any other act of service in the community; and

WHEREAS, "Day of Unity" events on September 11 will serve not only to commemorate this date but will help all our citizens to focus not on the issues that divide us but on the things that bring us together as a human family;

NOW, THEREFORE I, SCOTT JEPSEN, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim September 11 as

A DAY OF UNITY

in the City of Shoreline and call upon our citizens to join in activities that commemorate the events of September 11 by celebrating the strength of the human spirit.

Scott Jepsen, Mayor

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