

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Read Across America" Day
DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office/City Clerk
PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk


ISSUE STATEMENT:

The National Education Association has identified March 3, 2003 as "Read Across America Day." This is part of a national promotion of adult involvement in programs and activities that encourage children to learn to read. Such a day reminds us all that reading adds an important dimension to our quality of life and will enable our children to have a successful academic future and be prepared to take their places in the adult world of work. March 3rd is the date selected for "Read Across America Day" because it is the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Marilynn Enloe, of the Shoreline Children's Center, dressed as Dr. Seuss's famous "Cat in the Hat," will accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the ability to read well contributes to the quality of life for our children as they move into adulthood; and
- WHEREAS, a well-read and literate citizenry is a requirement for the successful functioning of a democratic society; and
- WHEREAS, the citizens of Shoreline stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and
- WHEREAS, the Shoreline School District and the Shoreline Children's Center have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, acknowledging the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term success; and
- WHEREAS, the National Education Association's "Read Across America" is a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 3rd and is designed to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Jepsen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2003 as

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

in the City of Shoreline and urge our citizens to engage in programs and activities that will open the world of reading to our children and provide them all the benefits of being a well-read individual.

Scott Jepsen, Mayor