

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Red Cross Month"
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The American Red Cross is the nation's official disaster relief organization. Its foremost responsibility is to reduce human suffering nationwide. Locally, the Red Cross responds to help the victims of many single family and apartment fires, as well as those displaced by flooding, winter storms, and other events. To do this the Red Cross relies on hundreds of volunteers who donate thousands of hours of their time to help their neighbors.

In addition to disaster relief, the Red Cross provides training in health and safety, as well as disaster preparedness. Last year in King and Kitsap counties alone, 66,379 people received such training. Red Cross volunteers also provide emergency communication for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families.

The proclamation of "Red Cross Month" acknowledges the contributions of Red Cross volunteers to the quality of life in their community. Nan Barbo, a Shoreline resident and Red Cross volunteer, will be at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney N/A



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has been serving the people of Washington State for over one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, it is a national, non-profit leader in the delivery of disaster relief, both domestically and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross serving King and Kitsap counties reaches out to those whose lives have been touched by adversity and helps thousands of others prevent and prepare for crises yet to come; and

WHEREAS, our local Red Cross provided disaster relief to 1,028 Washington families in King and Kitsap County last year; trained 66,379 people in health, safety and disaster preparedness; and provided emergency communication for 1,168 members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross in King and Kitsap counties provides nearly all its services through the contributions of over 3,000 volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2004 as

RED CROSS MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to recognize the contributions of the Red Cross volunteers and support their efforts to provide valuable emergency services to our community.

Ronald B. Hansen
Mayor of Shoreline