

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Judge James T. Ronald Day
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Judge James T. Ronald was a founding pioneer in the Shoreline area in the early 20th century. He was very influential in the development of the Interurban trolley through what is now Shoreline. He also established the Ronald School on his own property in 1906. This building later became the Shoreline Historical Museum. Judge Ronald's name is commemorated in many locations throughout Shoreline, including the Ronald Methodist Church, the Ronald Voting Precinct, the Ronald Sewer District, Ronald Bog, the Ronald Room at the Shoreline Conference Center, and the first brick-paved road in the area, Ronald Place.

To honor his memory, an annual event has been established to commemorate Judge Ronald and his many contributions to the history of Shoreline. This year the luncheon will be held on April 17, which will be proclaimed Judge James T. Ronald Day in Shoreline.

The Shoreline Historical Museum has published a memoir written by Judge Ronald entitled *Reflections Along the Wayside of Life*, edited by Mildred Tanner Andrews. Victoria Stiles, Director of the Historical Museum, will distribute copies of this book to Councilmembers when she appears at the April 12 meeting to receive this proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney N/A



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Judge James T. Ronald was a founding pioneer of the Richmond Highlands area of Shoreline in 1899, and in 1906 he helped to build the Ronald Interurban Station; and

WHEREAS, in that same year, seeing that a community was rapidly taking shape following the introduction of the Interurban trolley, Judge Ronald helped establish a new school on his property, Ronald School; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ronald advocated for the building of the North Trunk Road in 1913, an historic piece of which is now known as Ronald Place; and

WHEREAS, due to Judge Ronald's good works, a part of the community came to be named Ronald, as did numerous other entities: Ronald Methodist Church, Ronald Voting Precinct, Ronald Sewer District, Ronald Bog, and the Ronald Room at the Shoreline Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Historical Museum has published his memoir, *Judge J. T. Ronald: Reflections Along the Wayside of Life*, and has established an exhibit and an annual event to honor his memory, the Judge Ronald Luncheon, which will occur on April 17;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2004 as

JUDGE JAMES T. RONALD DAY

in the City of Shoreline to recognize the historic contributions of Judge Ronald, and the Shoreline Historical Museum's efforts to keep the history of the community vibrant and alive through the telling of Judge Ronald's story.

Ronald B. Hansen
Mayor of Shoreline