

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Relay for Life Days"
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Each year the American Cancer Society sponsors the Relay for Life. This event, which began in Tacoma, Washington in 1985, is a community-based activity that raises funding for the support of cancer programs, including services to cancer patients, public education and cancer research. In 2003, more than \$265 million was raised across the nation through this event.

Last year was the first time the event was held in the City of Shoreline. Its success encouraged supporters to schedule the event again. This year it will take place at the Shoreline School District field from noon, Saturday, May 22 to noon Sunday, May 23. The Co-Chairs of the Shoreline Relay for Life group, Kris Shelley and Jodi Temer, as well as the American Cancer Society partner, Chris Aversano, will be present to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and the spread of abnormal cells which, if not controlled, can result in death; and

WHEREAS, these diseases cause tremendous pain and suffering to those with the disease and to their friends, family and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a voluntary community-based health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem; and

WHEREAS, the Relay for Life, which began in Washington in 1985 and has since grown to more than 3,800 communities across the nation, is a "celebration of life" benefiting the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 more than 3 million people across the country took part and raised \$265 million for the support of cancer programs, including services to cancer patients, public education and cancer research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the weekend of May 22 and 23, 2004 as

RELAY FOR LIFE DAYS

in the City of Shoreline and commend those individuals who are taking the time from their busy lives to participate in the relay events in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to support efforts to end the suffering and loss of life caused by cancer.

Ronald B. Hansen
Mayor of Shoreline