

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Law Enforcement Torch Run Day"
DEPARTMENT: Police
PRESENTED BY: Denise Turner, Chief

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is held in communities around the world by local law enforcement agencies. The goal of the run is to raise money for Special Olympics and heighten awareness of the contribution of Special Olympics to the lives of those with intellectual disabilities.



Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering such individuals to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Through participation in Olympic-type sporting events, children and adults have opportunities not only to develop physically but to demonstrate courage and determination, experience the joy of competition, and be part of a community of families and friends who are proud of their accomplishments and spirit.

This year's Torch Run will be held on June 4, 2004. It will start in Blaine, Washington and will be passed off to members of the Shoreline Police Department at the Edmonds – Shoreline border. Shoreline Officers will run the torch down Aurora Ave. North and meet Seattle Police Officers who will carry the torch to Safeco Field. The officers and the Special Olympic athletes will also run the "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions, state/provincial games, and national Summer or Winter Games.

Local members of the Shoreline Police Department will be participating in a "Tip-a-Cop" event at Spiros Restaurant at a date to be announced. Chief Turner and some Special Olympians will be present at the Council meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of our community through sports training and competition; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-like sports for over 1 million children and adults in more than 150 countries, giving them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and build self-confidence; and

WHEREAS, along with law enforcement agencies across the nation and around the world, the Shoreline Police Department is participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics to raise funds for this worthwhile organization and heighten public awareness of its contributions to the quality of life of the Special Olympians and their families; and

WHEREAS, this year's run will be held on June 4, 2004, starting in Blaine, Washington and ending in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, officers from the Shoreline Police Department will also be participating in a Tip-a Cop event at Spiros Restaurant to raise funds for Special Olympics;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2004 as

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN DAY

in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to support the Special Olympics programs in our area and acknowledge the achievements of Special Olympians in our community.

Ronald B. Hansen
Mayor of Shoreline