

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

**AGENDA TITLE:** Proclamation of "Native Plant Appreciation Week"  
**DEPARTMENT:** CMO/CCK  
**PRESENTED BY:** Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The week of May 24 – 30 has been designated Native Plant Appreciation Week in the State of Washington in order to celebrate the amazing diversity of Washington's over 3,000 native plant species. The week is intended to encourage citizens to become involved in learning more about native plant species and habitats and how they can help to protect them. It is an opportunity to encourage public involvement in everything from plant walks and visits to natural areas to active participation in habitat restoration projects. It is also an opportunity to increase public understanding of the critical role that native plant ecosystems play in providing suitable habitat for birds, fish and other animals and in protecting water quality.

Richard Tinsley, a Shoreline resident and board member of the Central Puget Sound Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society, will attend the meeting to accept the proclamation. Mr. Tinsley was honored as an "Earth Hero" by King County Executive Ron Sims in Winter 2002 for his participation in native plant salvage projects. He and others interested in the preservation of our urban environment have worked with the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department on several projects in the City of Shoreline in the Paramount Open Space, Cromwell Park, Boeing Creek Park, Twin Ponds Park and Meridian Park.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney N/A



# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, native plant species are an important part of Washington's heritage, providing important aesthetic, economic, and ecological contributions that make the State of Washington a special place to live; and

WHEREAS, our state has over 3,000 native plant species from rain forest plants on the Olympic Peninsula to the desert species in eastern Washington; and

WHEREAS, preserving native plant ecosystems is critical for the protection of birds, fish, and other wildlife, as well as the quality of our water; and

WHEREAS, over 360 of our native plant species are listed as rare by the Natural Heritage Program; and

WHEREAS, certain types of insects, plant diseases and invasive plant species present a threat to sustaining of Washington's native plant ecosystems and the biodiversity that they enable; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gary Locke has proclaimed the week of May 24-30 to be Native Plant Appreciation Week, and across the state public and private groups are celebrating the beauty and value of native plants in both natural settings and gardens; and

WHEREAS, In the City of Shoreline, residents have over the years volunteered countless hours in Shoreline parks to restore and enhance native plant ecosystems, such as wetlands and arboretums, including the Paramount Open Space, Cromwell Park, Boeing Creek Park, Twin Ponds Park, and Meridian Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 24, 2004 as

## **NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION WEEK**

in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to learn more about our native plants, how to protect them, and to appreciate and enjoy our floral diversity.

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Ronald B. Hansen  
Mayor of Shoreline