

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Arts and Humanities Month
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

October has been recognized across the country as National Arts and Humanities Month. In June 2004 the United States Conference of Mayors passed a policy resolution urging cities to proclaim Arts and Humanities Month in their own communities. Such proclamations acknowledge that the arts and humanities are an invaluable part of the life of our citizens. Additionally, the nonprofit arts industry generates \$134 billion annually and provides jobs for the equivalent of 4.85 million people. Locally, institutions such as the Shoreline Historical Museum and the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council work diligently to bring the benefits of the arts and culture to our community.

In addition to acknowledging the efforts of all the arts and cultural organizations to promote the cultural and intellectual life of our community, the proclamation also encourages greater participation by our citizens in the programs and projects brought forward on behalf of the arts and humanities.

The Executive Director of the Shoreline History Museum, Victoria Stiles, and the Executive Director of the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, Ros Bird, will attend the meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of communities, states, the White House and Congress; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American; and
- WHEREAS, the arts and humanities contribute to all aspects of social life and help create a productive citizenry and vibrant community and the independent self expression vital to our nation's future; and
- WHEREAS, the nonprofit arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$134 billion annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 4.85 million jobs; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors passed a policy resolution in June to designate cities to proclaim and Arts and Humanities Month in order to recognize the immense value of the arts and humanities to our society and extend appreciation to all those who work so diligently to bring the arts and humanities into our lives;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim October, 2004 as

ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

and urge our citizens to discover and participate in the wide variety of arts and humanities programs made available to them through institutions such as the Shoreline Historical Museum, Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, the Shoreline School District, Shoreline Community College, and all the other partners engaged in the worthwhile endeavor of bringing the arts and humanities to our community.

Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of Shoreline