

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation for Veterans Day
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion have requested that the City acknowledge the Veterans Day holiday this week by proclaiming Veterans' Day in Shoreline. The Chamber celebrated the important contributions of our country's veterans with a Blood Drive on November 8. The proclamation highlights the composition of our 26.4 million living veterans and encourages us to thank them for their many contributions to keeping our country safe and strong..

Representatives of the Chamber, President Diane Stephens and Executive Director Cindy Easterson, as well as Commander Rick Grenier and Adj. Bob Nelson, of the Shoreline American Legion Post, and Col. Sonny Alvarez, of the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. of Shoreline will be present at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, when the armistice ending World War I was signed on November 11, 1918, more than 4.7 million Americans put down their arms and returned to their everyday lives--this event was initially commemorated as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, the Congress renamed the day as Veterans Day to recognize all those who have served in our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 26.4 million veterans in the United States, about 13 percent of U.S. civilians 18 years of age or more; and

WHEREAS, currently 1.6 million veterans are women, 2.6 million are black, 1.1 million are Hispanic, 284,000 are Asian, and 196,00 are Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, our military has built a great tradition of courageous and faithful service from World Wars I and II to the Korean and Vietnam wars, to the Persian Gulf and our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, today our veterans inspire new generations of Americans to fight tyranny and help bring freedom to countries around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim November 11 as

VETERANS DAY 2004

and urge all Shoreline citizens to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of those who served their country in the armed forces.

Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor