

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Veterans Appreciation Day"
DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY: Scott Passey, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Friday, November 11, 2005 marks the 51st anniversary of Veterans Day in the United States. This proclamation recognizes the sacrifices that many veterans of our state and country have made for the cause of peace and liberty.

Lieutenant Colonel Raymond W. Coffey, representing the American Legion Shoreline Post (#227) and the Vietnam Veterans of America Shoreline Post, along with others will be at the meeting to receive the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney _____



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1938, Armistice Day was proclaimed as a national holiday to recognize the end of World War I; then in 1954, this holiday was renamed Veterans Day to provide an occasion to honor all our veterans; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life we enjoy today was purchased at great cost by the unselfish devotion of these veterans, as many of our soldiers lost their lives during wars to defend our freedom, and some are still missing in action; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 105th year since the end of the Spanish-American War; the 78th year since the end of World War I; the 60th year since the end of World War II, 52 years since the Cease Fire of the Korean War; 30 years since the end of the Vietnam War; 14 years since the end of the Persian Gulf War I; and the 3rd year of the current Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, over 606,000 veterans in Washington State have served our country with courage and distinction; and

WHEREAS, over 8 million Americans have joined in these causes to date, and over 600 Washington State residents currently serve in the operational theater; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, November 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Shoreline Community Church, the American Legion will commemorate the contributions of the men and women in the military who have served our country, and who continue to serve their communities through veterans organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim Veterans Day, November 11, 2005 as

VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Shoreline and urge all citizens to honor the sacrifices of the loyal and courageous veterans who have given so much for the cause of peace and freedom.

Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor