Council Meeting Date: April 21, 2008 Agenda Item: 2(a)

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:

Proclamation of Volunteer Week

DEPARTMENT:

CMO

PRESENTED BY:

Rob Beem, Community Services Manager

Nora Smith, Neighborhood and Public Outreach Coordinator

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Every year the City of Shoreline benefits from the time and energy donated by volunteers who contribute to a variety of City services and programs. It has been the custom of the City to recognize and honor these volunteers at a spring breakfast. This year's breakfast - with the theme "Volunteers: Above and Beyond" - will take place on Friday, May 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the Shoreline Room. This event initiates the "Volunteer Week" proclaimed tonight.

This year the City of Shoreline will participate in an arrangement to provide free admission to volunteers in a variety of cultural and recreational institutions in the Seattle area during volunteer week, April 26- May 3, 2008. City volunteers will receive a letter explaining this benefit along with an invitation to the Volunteer Breakfast in early April.

Volunteers perform a myriad of tasks: assisting the police at the Police Neighborhood Centers, working with the city on environmental, recreation and traffic programs, and assisting with emergency preparedness. Volunteers serve on City advisory committees like the Planning Commission, Council of Neighborhoods, and Parks Board; their ideas, advice and suggestions help shape policies.

The City's volunteers enhance the quality of life in Shoreline and should be recognized throughout the year for their contributions.

A volunteer will be present to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By:

City Manager City Attorney



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, April 26 May 3 is volunteer week across the country; and
- WHEREAS, volunteers enhance our quality of life and help build a sense of community; and
- WHEREAS, in 2007 volunteers donated more than 14,710 hours to the City of Shoreline; and
- WHEREAS, volunteers assist City departments and the community; they contribute their time and talents staffing the Neighborhood Police Centers, serving on boards, commissions, task forces and advisory committees, organizing local neighborhood associations, providing emergency communication capability, cleaning up local parks and streets and providing recreational opportunities for their Shoreline neighbors; and
- WHEREAS, City of Shoreline volunteers will be honored at the annual Volunteer Breakfast on May 2 with the theme "Volunteers: Above and Beyond" and allowed free admission to a variety of local cultural and recreational opportunities in the Seattle area through a reciprocal free admission arrangement during volunteer week;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cindy Ryu, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 26 – May 3, 2008 as

VOLUNTEER WEEK

in Shoreline and encourage all citizens to seek volunteer opportunities and express appreciation to those who volunteer.

Cindy Ryu Mayor of Shoreline