

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry"
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Scott Passey, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City of Shoreline recognizes adequate nutrition as a basic goal for each citizen. Local food banks, emergency and hot meal programs, churches, social service agencies and volunteers strive to address the problems of hunger, yet more help is needed. The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County coordinates an annual food drive to help support the efforts of their program and the area's food banks in fighting hunger. This will be held at grocery stores throughout the City of Shoreline on Saturday, September 27, 2008. This proclamation proclaims September 27, 2008 as "Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry" and urges all citizens to donate to local food banks and the Emergency Feeding Program.

Mr. Arthur Lee, Executive Director of the Emergency Feeding Program for Seattle/King County, will be present to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By:  City Manager _____ City Attorney _____



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline recognizes adequate nutrition as a basic goal for each citizen; and

WHEREAS, no parent should have to send a child to school hungry, no baby should be without the comfort of the feedings needed for mental and physical growth, no elderly person's health should be jeopardized by lack of appropriate foods; and

WHEREAS, food banks, emergency and hot meal programs working with the City of Shoreline, local churches, social service agencies and hundreds of volunteers are striving day in and day out to stem the rising tide of hunger, but still need more help; and

WHEREAS, we believe that when our citizens who are not involved hear of the desperate needs of the hungry as winter approaches and their low incomes must stretch to cover increasing fuel, electricity and rental costs—leaving even less money for monthly food purchases—an outpouring of community assistance will follow; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County coordinates an annual food drive to help support the efforts of their program and the area's food banks in fighting hunger which will be held at grocery stores throughout the City of Shoreline on Saturday, September 27, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cindy Ryu, Mayor of the City of Shoreline; on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2008 as

MAYOR'S DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY

and strongly urge all citizens to join the Emergency Feeding Program and our local food banks to nourish those who are hungry.

Cindy Ryu, Mayor