Council Meeting Date: April 13, 2009 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: the Essential Ingredient" - will take place on Friday, April 17 at 7:30 a.m. at the Shoreline Center. The breakfast precedes "Volunteer Week" proclaimed tonight.

For the second year in a row, the City of Shoreline will participate in an arrangement to provide free admission to city volunteers in a variety of cultural and recreational institutions in the Seattle area during volunteer week, Sunday, April 19 - Saturday, April 25, 2009. Earlier this month City volunteers received a letter explaining this benefit along with an invitation to the Volunteer Breakfast.

City of Shoreline volunteers contributed 10,504 hours in 2008. City volunteers perform a wide variety of tasks: assisting at Neighborhood Police Centers; serving on boards, commissions, task forces and advisory committees; organizing neighborhood associations; providing emergency communication capability and disaster assistance; cleaning up local parks and streets; and providing recreational opportunities for Shoreline neighbors. The City is able to enhance its services and engage more residents due to the tireless contributions of volunteers.

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 19 - April 25 is Volunteer Week across the country; and

WHEREAS, volunteers enhance our quality of life and help build a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 volunteers reported more than 10,504 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 April 17 with the theme "Volunteers: the Essential Ingredient" 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 19 – April 25, 2009 as

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

Cindy Ryu
Mayor of Shoreline