

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Native Plant Appreciation Week Proclamation
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
PRESENTED BY:	Dick Deal, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Project Coordinator

INTRODUCTION:

The City Council work plan for 2008-2009 emphasizes the importance of creating an "Environmentally Sustainable Community" (Council Goal #3).

Native Plant Appreciation Week is an opportunity for governmental agencies, non-profit groups and environmental organizations to highlight their work in protecting native plant species and restoring native plant habitats. The public can learn about the many projects and hard work that enhances their area. The public can also learn how our native plant ecosystems provide suitable habitat for birds, fish and other animals and protect water quality.

It is also an opportunity to convey the tremendous threat posed by invasive exotic pests – insects, plant diseases and invasive plant species. The public can see and learn how invasive species harm native plants and ecosystems. They can learn about work being done in both the public and private sector to combat that threat.

Native Plant Appreciation Week is primarily an opportunity to celebrate our native floral abundance, our amazing bio-diversity, and all the good work being done to protect and preserve it.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council declare April 27th – May 3rd 2009 as Native Plant Appreciation Week.

Approved By: City Manager DSO City Attorney

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