Council Meeting Date: September 21, 2009 Agenda Item: 2(a)

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Emergency Preparedness Month"

DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK

PRESENTED BY: Scott Passey, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

No action is required

Every year disasters disrupt hundred of thousands of lives, and being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur. The month of September has been declared "National Preparedness and Weather Radio Awareness Month," and this proclamation declares September 2009 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in the City of Shoreline. Citizens are encouraged to implement emergency preparedness measures as part of the overall emergency preparedness programs of our community and state.

Gail Marsh, Emergency Management Coordinator, will be at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

Approved By:	City Manager	City Attorney



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, every year disasters disrupt hundred of thousands of lives, and being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur; and
- WHEREAS, September has been declared "National Preparedness and Weather Radio Awareness Month"; and
- WHEREAS, all Shoreline residents should increase their knowledge and awareness of emergency preparedness actions they can take to make themselves and their families self-sufficient for at least three days following a natural or man-made disaster; and
- WHEREAS, the use of information from National Oceanic and Atmospheric weather radios, which are available for purchase commercially, can reduce the loss of life and property from all hazards by sounding a warning alarm at any time around the clock; and
- WHEREAS, the City is a source of information about how citizens can prepare themselves for an emergency; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline has joined with three Shoreline local businesses, Central Market, Ace Hardware, and Bartell Drugs to help promote our Get Ready Shoreline Campaign; and
- WHEREAS, individual preparedness leads to local, state and national preparedness;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cindy Ryu, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2009 as

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to implement emergency preparedness measures at home, at work, and in their vehicles as part of the overall emergency preparedness programs of our community and our state. Look for the <u>Get Ready Shoreline</u> logo in the three local stores for ideas of items that will assist you in being prepared for an emergency.

Cindy Ryu Mayor of Shoreline