Council Meeting Date: September 12, 2011 Agenda Item: 2(a)

#### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation Declaring September 2011 as "Emergency

Preparedness Month" in the City of Shoreline

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services Division

PRESENTED BY: Rob Beem, Community Services Manager

Gail Harris, Emergency Preparedness Manager

#### PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Every year disasters disrupt the lives of thousands throughout the United States. 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 2011 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in the City of Shoreline. Residents and businesses are encouraged to implement emergency preparedness measures as part of the overall emergency preparedness programs of our community and state. City resources to help the Shoreline community be prepared are available on the City's website, <a href="https://www.shorelinewa.gov">www.shorelinewa.gov</a>, "Get Ready Shoreline."

Rob Beem, the Manager for the Community Services Division, will be at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

### RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By:

City Manager 4 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, September 11, 2011 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our county,
- 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 person-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 would like residents and businesses to join us in our "Get Ready Shoreline" Campaign; and
- WHEREAS, individual preparedness leads to local, state and national preparedness;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, 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 <a href="Metal-Ready Shoreline information on the City's website: www.shorelinewa.gov">Metal-Ready Shoreline information on the City's website: www.shorelinewa.gov</a> for ideas that will assist you in being prepared for an emergency, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2011, in the City of Shoreline as

# **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

Keith McGlashan, Mayor of Shoreline