

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<p>AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of May as 'Puget Sound Starts Here' Month DEPARTMENT: Public Works PRESENTED BY: Mark Relph, Public Works Director Rika Cecil, Environmental Programs Coordinator</p>
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PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The 'Puget Sound Starts Here' (PSSH) campaign is supported by more than sixty jurisdictions, including Shoreline, as well as over 300 organizations throughout the region. This proclamation joins the campaign in designating May as the most opportune time for residents to discover and practice stewardship activities that protect local and regional waterways.

One Shoreline-based, volunteer non-profit group, ShoreDog, has promoted the City's goal of keeping dog waste out of waterways. Since 2009, ShoreDog has coordinated an annual DogFest event that not only offers fun, dog-oriented activities, but also education about the importance of picking up one's dog waste, in order to keep our waters and environment clean and healthy.

Mina Williams, ShoreDog's Communications Director and Board member, will accept the Proclamation with the Council's appreciation of their volunteer work to protect Puget Sound and Shoreline's waterways.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should present the proclamation to Ms. Williams.

Approved By: City Manager **JU** City Attorney **IS**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, good water quality is vital to the health, safety and economic vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound is a Northwest treasure with historical, cultural and recreational significance; and

WHEREAS, most of the water pollution in Puget Sound and our local waterways results from our everyday activities; and

WHEREAS, the “Puget Sound Starts Here” education campaign offers activities that will protect and improve our local and regional water quality; and

WHEREAS, community groups, such as ShoreDog, provide educational activities for the public to learn how they can help keep our water clean; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council encourages all citizens to participate in workshops and events throughout the month to help protect Puget Sound and our local waterways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim for Shoreline the month of May 2012 as

Puget Sound Starts Here Month

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor