

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "World Refugee Day"
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
PRESENTED BY: Lynn M. Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent
ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring June 20th as World Refugee Day. This year the UN refugee agency, in its 60th year, will mark World Refugee Day with a rich and varied program of events in locations worldwide and the launch of a new global awareness campaign. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is initiating a multimedia "One" campaign in 2012. The intent of the campaign is to increase awareness about the forcibly displaced and stateless by telling their powerful personal stories. The campaign will carry the message that "One Refugee Without Hope is too Many." The City of Shoreline provides funding to both the Center for Human Services and the Refugee Women's Alliance of Washington who both support refugees. In observance of World Refugee Day this proclamation recognizes the day in the City of Shoreline. This proclamation honors the courage, resilience and determination of refugees and the organizations that support them.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This issue has no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required. This item is intended for information only and to bring awareness on a City-wide basis.

Approved By: City Manager ____ City Attorney ____

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Proclamation



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 43 million people in the world – including 17 million refugees – have fled their homes due to war, persecution, or natural disasters.

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution designating June 20 World Refugee Day; and

WHEREAS, on World Refugee Day the world honors the courage, resilience, and determination of refugees. We recognize not only the challenges and uncertainty refugees face, but also their will to survive and rebuild their lives. Refugees have made invaluable contributions, expanding our worldviews and enriching our communities with their diverse traditions, perseverance, ingenuity, and hard-earned wisdom; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline provides funding to agencies supporting refugees, including the Center for Human Services and the Refugee Women's Alliance of Washington, and

WHEREAS, refugees who have resettled in Shoreline are supported by other organizations who are also commemorating World Refugee Day including, Shoreline Community College, the Shoreline Public Schools, the King County Library System, local congregations and Lutheran Community Services Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council invites fellow Shoreline residents to recognize the importance of refugee support services in the Shoreline community and around the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim in the City of Shoreline June 20, 2012 as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Keith A. McGlashan
Mayor of Shoreline