

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of America Recycles Day
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Mark Relph, Public Works Director Rika Cecil, Environmental Programs Coordinator
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

This proclamation recognizes November 15, 2012, as America Recycles Day in Shoreline. It calls upon residents to celebrate this 15th anniversary of America Recycles Day by thanking our schools and our children for their hard work and significant contribution in protecting our environment through waste reduction and recycling.

Syre Elementary School's students and teachers are one example of the success that's possible through teamwork at any age. In 2011, the school's Green Team used public address announcements, two bulletin board displays, a Green Team webpage, and cafeteria displays to educate the entire school about waste reduction and recycling. In March 2012, Syre started a food scraps collection pilot program that resulted in reducing their lunchtime garbage from 24 pounds per day to only 3 pounds, and generating 21 pounds of compostable food scraps and food-soiled paper. Three Waste Free Friday events motivated 42% of the students to pack waste-free lunches in reusable and recyclable containers. In addition, 1,500 pencils have been collected from the floors throughout the school building for students in Nicaragua to use. Through all of these actions, Syre has increased their recycling rate from 21% in May 2011 to 53% in May 2012.

David Tadlock, Principal; Dede Ford, Syre Teacher and Recycling Coordinator; and several students from the Green Team will accept the Proclamation with the Council's appreciation of their initiative and work to protect our regions natural resources.

RECOMMENDATION

No action required

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

ATTACHMENT

A. America Recycles Day Proclamation



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, a healthy natural environment is the foundation of a vigorous society and a robust economy; and
- WHEREAS, the City encourages the protection of our natural resources and the adoption of habits that promote a sustainable environment; and
- WHEREAS, local schools are leaders in the education of students about the need to reduce waste and recycle; and
- WHEREAS, local schools support the initiatives of students and teachers to expand recycling on their campuses; and
- WHEREAS, students inspire each other, their families and their community to actively reduce waste and recycle; and
- WHEREAS, America Recycles Day offers every individual an opportunity to recycle and protect our natural resources; and
- WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council calls upon the Shoreline community to celebrate this special occasion by thanking our schools and our children for their hard work and significant contribution in protecting our environment;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2012, as

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Keith McGlashan
Mayor of Shoreline