

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month"
DEPARTMENT: City Manager/City Clerk
PRESENTED BY: City Manager/City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Turner Syndrome Society of the U.S. (TSSUS) initiated Turner Syndrome awareness month in February two years ago and since 2011 Turner syndrome has been highlighted in over twenty regional newspaper articles, four news channels, described in many YouTube videos.

Turner syndrome (TS) is a non-inherited chromosomal condition that describes 1/2000 girls and women with common features and physical traits that are caused by a complete or partial absence of the second sex chromosome. Primary characteristics include short stature, ovarian failure, heart defects and normal intelligence with possible learning disorders.

The main goal of TSSUS is to bring awareness in order to reduce the age of a girl being diagnosed with TS from middle school age (11-14) to early elementary school age. Most medical practitioners are still under the assumption that they'll recognize a girl that has TS because she'll have many of the characteristics described above.

Tonight Donna Eggen will be accepting the Turner Syndrome Awareness Month proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

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

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Proclamation



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome is a chromosomal condition found in approximately 1 in 2500 females and if left untreated these girls will not enter puberty and will not grow and develop fully; and

WHEREAS, if Turner Syndrome is detected at an early age, affected girls may be treated with hormones, which can give puberty, growth, and secondary sexual characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the Turner Syndrome of the United States is a non-profit organization which promotes further public awareness about Turner Syndrome, provides educational materials to Physicians for diagnosis of Turner Syndrome, and attempts to reach and provide support and education to as many Turner Syndrome individuals and their families as possible; and

WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome Society has declared February as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2013 as

TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and encourage all residents to applaud the efforts of this important organization and learn as much as possible about this medical condition that affects thousands of women and girls throughout our nation.

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor