

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Arbor Day Proclamation and Tree City USA Designation		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council/City Manager/City Clerk		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	City Council		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

### **INTRODUCTION**

In 1872, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in the State of Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. The City of Shoreline has long recognized the benefit of improving the natural environment for present and future generations. Natural areas, trees, and landscapes provide not only community beautification but also economic and environmental benefits.

This proclamation recognizes Arbor Day in the City of Shoreline and encourages Shoreline citizens to participate in appropriate activities and to enjoy the parks and other natural areas in our community. National Arbor Day for 2013 is April 26.

In addition, the City of Shoreline has recently been honored as a State of Washington official Tree City USA Community. Department of Natural Resources Tree City USA Representative Linden Lampman will be in attendance to officially present the City of Shoreline with our initial Tree City USA plaque and to commend citizens for their enthusiastic support of preserving and improving our forested environment.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council declare April 26, 2013 as a day to recognize Arbor Day in the City of Shoreline.

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



## PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, trees provide special benefits in urban areas, holding water and reducing runoff during storms, mitigating urban heat island effects, and filtering pollutants from urban air; and

Whereas, trees contribute to reducing global climate change directly by sequestering carbon and indirectly by reducing air conditioner use, thus saving fuel; and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

Now, Therefore, I Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations. I do hereby proclaim April 26, 2013 as

## ARBOR DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

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Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor of Shoreline