

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of "World Refugee Day"
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services Division
PRESENTED BY:	Rob Beem, Community Services Manager
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 20 as World Refugee Day. World Refugee Day was established by the United Nations to honor the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homes under threat of persecution, conflict and violence. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has developed [series of videos](#) showing refugees from around the world forced to decide whether to stay and risk death, or leave and endure the difficult life of a refugee.

The City of Shoreline has long recognized the richness and value brought to our community by refugees and immigrants. It has also supported services these families need in order to adapt to their new county and community. International Community Health Services (ICHS) is currently constructing a new community health center slated to open in the fall of 2014. ICHS chose Shoreline as a site because we are both home to many immigrants and refugees and because the location on Aurora provides ready access to those living nearby. In addition to this new and needed service, the City of Shoreline provides funding to 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 and honors the courage, resilience and determination of refugees and the organizations that support them.

A representative of the ICHS will be present to receive the proclamation.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This issue has no financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should present the proclamation to the representative from the International Community Health Services.

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

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; and

WHEREAS, Refugees have made invaluable contributions, expanding our world views and enriching our communities with their diverse traditions, perseverance, ingenuity, and hard-earned wisdom; and

WHEREAS, International Community Health Services is constructing a new community clinic to meet the medical needs of refugees, immigrants and the broader community in Shoreline; 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, 2013 as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Keith A. McGlashan
Mayor of Shoreline