

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of "Disability Awareness Month"		
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services/ Human Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Rob Beem, Community Services Manager		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proclamation

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City of Shoreline joins other jurisdictions in recognizing the demonstrated benefits of a diverse workforce and the valuable contributions of employees, volunteers, and citizens with disabilities. This proclamation recognizes the month of October 2013 as "Disability Awareness Month" in the City of Shoreline and urges the Shoreline community to reaffirm determination to achieve a society that affords independence, equality, and dignity for all.

A team led by Judy Parsons, Staff Director, Northshore/Shoreline Community Network including Shoreline Community College and the Washington State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, will be present to accept the proclamation. This team recently hosted the 3rd annual Overcoming Barriers to Employment workshop, serving 140 individuals, many with disabilities, with training and resources that increased their job readiness.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council and Mayor should present the proclamation to the team led by Ms. Parsons that recently hosted the 3rd annual Overcoming Barriers to Employment workshop.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated by the United States Congress as National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Washington Law Against Discrimination promote independence, empowerment, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, changing our misperceptions and rejecting stereotypes can create the greatest opportunities for all, including those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline joins other jurisdictions in recognizing the demonstrated benefits of a diverse workforce and the valuable contributions of its employees, volunteers, and citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Northshore Shoreline Community Network and partners, hosted the 3rd annual Overcoming Barriers to Employment Workshop demonstrating the necessary cooperative, sustained, and consistent effort required to ensure that people with disabilities can participate fully in the workplace and all aspects of community life; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council urges Shoreline residents and businesses to affirm our determination to achieve a society that affords independence, equality, and dignity for all;

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

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor