

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation Declaring January 20, 2014 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Shoreline		
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Christy Vien, Teen Programs Assistant		
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

ISSUE STATEMENT:

On January 20, 2014 the nation celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Dr. King's message of peace and service and his dream of pursuing a world free from prejudice and injustice lives on and has not been forgotten since his tragic death in 1968.

This proclamation recognizes the impact of Dr. King's contributions on our nation, state, and community, and urges Shoreline citizens to reflect on our common goals and celebrate his life and his ideals of freedom and justice for all.

Representatives of the Ballinger Teens, with City staff support from Christy Vien, Teen Programs Assistant in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, will receive the proclamation. Just this past week, the Ballinger Teens group visited the "RACE" exhibit at the Pacific Science Center and participated in pre and post workshops on the exhibit. Their remarks this evening reflect the thinking and commitments they have undertaken in response to this experience and exposure to elements of the history of race in the United States.

The Ballinger Teens are active participants of The Shoreline Youth & Teen Development Program at Ballinger Homes. These teens meet once a week to participate in enriching recreation activities and volunteer opportunities. Their involvement in this program helps strengthen their community and allows them to have new experiences to engage with the larger community.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor read the proclamation and present it to representatives from Ballinger Teens.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that a person's worth should not be measured by his or her color, culture, or class, but rather by their commitment to creating a better life for all; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's message of peace and service and his dream of pursuing a world free from prejudice and injustice lives on and has not been forgotten since his tragic death on April 4, 1968; and

WHEREAS, the majesty of his message, the dignity of his bearing and the righteousness of his cause are his lasting legacy and are commemorated on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's dream of racial equality, mutual understanding, service and social justice is an inspiration to all of us; and

WHEREAS, the Ballinger Teens share Dr. King's commitment to creating a better life for all through building understanding among, and connections to, people and communities within and outside their immediate neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, I urge Shoreline residents to reflect on our common goals, and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s ideals of freedom and justice for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2014 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
in the City of Shoreline.

Shari Winstead
Mayor of Shoreline