

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Proclamation for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service Month		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Dick Deal, Director		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<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:**

July is National Parks and Recreation Month. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the many agencies in our community that provide facilities, programs, and opportunities to enrich the lives of local residents. Tonight, Camp Shoreline counselors who rose up through the City's Youth and Teen Development Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) program and who were themselves Camp Shoreline participants over the years will accept the Proclamation.

The C.I.T. program started in 2008. Currently, 10 of our Camp Shoreline Counselors began as C.I.T participants. The C.I.T. program teaches youth ages 13-15 teamwork and leadership skills under the guidance of our Youth and Teen Development Program staff. Over the course of three weeks, students are challenged to organize games, work as a team, learn about child development and assume leadership roles in a camp setting. The program has become a pipeline for our Camp Shoreline Counselor team. It is so popular there has been a wait list for the past three years.

Other agencies being recognized tonight include the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, King County Library System, Shoreline Historical Museum, North King County Little League, Richmond Little League, Hillwood Soccer Club, Shoreline Soccer Club, the Shoreline School District and the Dale Turner YMCA. All of these organizations plus several Shoreline businesses working together allow both youth and adults to choose a variety of recreation and cultural activities to develop skills and encourage healthier lifestyles.

The City of Shoreline would like to thank all of these agencies and organizations for their continued efforts to make Shoreline a happy and healthy community.

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Mayor should read the proclamation and the Council will present the proclamation declaring July 2014 as Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Month in the City of Shoreline to Camp Shoreline Counseling Staff.

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



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in the Shoreline community, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs contribute to the Healthy City Strategy adopted by the Shoreline City Council in September 2011 that encourages community members to make healthy lifestyle choices around eating, physical activity and healthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; likewise, the City of Shoreline recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Shari Winstead, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, declare July as Park and Recreation Month in the City of Shoreline.

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Shari Winstead, Mayor