

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Safe Shoreline Month Proclamation
DEPARTMENT:	Shoreline Police Department, Shoreline Office of Emergency Management, and Shoreline Fire Department
PRESENTED BY:	Steve Perry, Community Outreach and Problem Solving (COPS) Officer, Shoreline Police Department Gail Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Shoreline Tim Dahl, Assistant Chief, Shoreline Fire Department
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:

Every year disasters disrupt the lives of thousands throughout the United States. Being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur. To highlight emergency preparedness, the month of October has been declared "Washington State Disaster Preparedness Month".

Crime and the fear of crime destroys our trust in others. The vitality of our City depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and the community. To remind our citizens to stay vigilant about community safety and crime prevention, the month of October has also been declared "National Crime Prevention Month".

Fires take more American lives than all other natural disasters combined, inflicting devastating tolls on families and communities. To make sure that community members do their part to prevent fire hazards, the month of October has also been declared "National Fire Prevention Month".

Given the confluence of these three awareness campaigns, the City is combining these months into one and proclaiming the month of October as Safe Shoreline Month. Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the City is Shoreline Police Officer Steve Perry, Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Harris, and Assistant Fire Chief Tim Dahl.

Community members and business are encouraged to implement preparedness and prevention measures as part of the overall safety for the Shoreline community. The City has resources to help our community to be better prepared and to prevent crime and fire hazards.

As well, the City's Police Department and Office of Emergency Management are partnering with the Shoreline Fire Department to host a Safety Fair on October 11, 2014. We encourage all community members to attend and become better informed on how to safely live, work, and play in Shoreline.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor accept the Safe Shoreline Month proclamation and present a copy of the proclamation to Officer Steve Perry, Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Harris, and Assistant Chief Tim Dahl.

Approved By: City Manager ***DT*** City Attorney ***JA-T***



P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, every year disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives, and being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur; and

WHEREAS, crime and the fear of crime destroys our trust in others, and the vitality of our city depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and community; and

WHEREAS, fires take more American lives than all other natural disasters combined, inflicting devastating tolls on families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Fire Department is observing its 75th year of service to Shoreline residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, October has been declared "Washington State Disaster Preparedness Month"; "National Fire Prevention Month", and "National Crime Prevention Month"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline would like residences and businesses to join us in our "Get Ready Shoreline" campaign to learn how to prepare themselves for an emergency and in our "Shoreline Alert" Crime Prevention campaign to learn how to prevent crime in our community; and

WHEREAS, we invite the community to participate in the City of Shoreline Safety Fair on October 11, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Shoreline City Hall, which will emphasize Crime prevention, fire and injury prevention, life safety awareness and education, and disaster preparedness, which is at the heart of the non-emergency services we provide every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shari Winstead, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2014 as

SAFE SHORELINE MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to implement emergency preparedness and prevention measures at home, at work, and in their vehicles as part of the overall prevention and preparedness programs of our community.

Shari Winstead, Mayor