

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Earth Day 2015 DEPARTMENT: Public Works PRESENTED BY: Rika Cecil, Environmental Programs Coordinator

ISSUE STATEMENT:

This proclamation recognizes April 22, 2015, as Earth Day in Shoreline. It calls upon businesses and residents to celebrate this 45th Anniversary of Earth Day by committing to protect our natural environment for ourselves, our children, and future generations.

One successful example of how Shoreline's residents and businesses are willing to change their habits, in order to create a sustainable environment, is their support of the City's 2014 carryout bag ban. During this past year, they have taken their reusable bags to the store when they go shopping, reducing the need for additional natural resources to produce paper and plastic bags. By recycling the plastic bags and plastic packaging materials they receive, residents and businesses also protect the turtles, gray whales and other wildlife in our oceans.

To acknowledge and celebrate all of the actions that individuals do every day in Shoreline to protect our environment, the City thanks you and invites everyone to see a life-sized gray whale that children in Olympia constructed with plastic bags. This event will also feature informational materials about how and why the trash, including plastic bags, that ends up in the ocean can be consumed by whales or other wildlife. The Whale will be available for viewing in a location yet to be confirmed from March 30 until April 27. More information about the Plastic Whale Project can be found at the following link: <http://advocacy.britannica.com/blog/advocacy/2013/11/the-plastic-whale-project/>.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, On April 22, 1970, Americans came together to celebrate the first Earth Day and spread the message that the success of future generations depends upon how we act today; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and sustainable environment is the foundation of a vigorous society and a robust economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline strives to collaborate with residents and businesses to create a sustainable environment in our community; and

WHEREAS, community groups in Shoreline provide many opportunities for residents to become stewards of our environment; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day offers everyone an opportunity to protect our planet and build a healthy, flourishing community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shari Winstead, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2015, as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

Shari Winstead, Mayor