

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of "Shoreline Schools Music4Life"		
DEPARTMENT:	CMO/CCK		
PRESENTED BY:	Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk		
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:

To children, learning to play a musical instrument is a meaningful activity – it is fun and it builds relationships that can last a lifetime. To youth, music opens up the world and provides opportunities for teamwork and meaningful forms of self-expression. Educators know that music benefits students academically and our community understands that music education helps a person lead a richer, fuller, more meaningful life and an arts-rich community is a more desirable place to live.

This proclamation recognizes the month of June as Shoreline Schools Music4Life Month, a time in which light is shed on the Music4Life program which puts musical instruments in good playing condition into the hands of children and youth. Music4Life procures the instruction, supplies, and support to strengthen the elementary instrumental music program and ensure strong music programs. Anyone who loves music and believes in music education for all children can join the effort.

Either Ken Noreen, Director of the Shoreline Concert Band at Shoreline Community College, or David Endicott, President and CEO of Music4Life, will be present to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Proclamation of Shoreline Schools Music4Life Month

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the benefits of participation in instrumental music at any age can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, research now shows that students who participate in instrumental music programs tend to do better in math, science, history, literature, reading, writing, international languages, even in computer science and other academic disciplines; and

WHEREAS, music education is an integral part of a well-rounded education that prepares students for success in life by teaching teamwork and discipline; and

WHEREAS, the cost of owning or renting an instrument is a barrier preventing students from low income families from participating in instrumental music; and

WHEREAS, many adults have lovingly-used musical instruments stored in their garages or attics and that they no longer use; and

WHEREAS, *Music4Life* is a non-profit organization that has been repairing and providing ready-to-play instruments to participating public school districts for use by the students of low income families since 2007; and

WHEREAS, *Music4Life* guarantees that all instruments will be used exclusively for the benefit of students in the school district in which they are donated; and

WHEREAS, *Music4Life* has provided approximately 1,500 musical instruments to children in the greater Seattle area, including 11 to Edmonds, 69 to Highline, 30 to Mukilteo, 26 to Seattle and 12 to Shoreline Public Schools students during the 2014-15 school year alone;

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

Shoreline Schools Music4Life Month

in the City of Shoreline and encourage all our citizens to donate any lovingly used musical instruments they may have to *Music4Life* and show what financial support they can to this fine home-grown organization.

Shari Winstead, Mayor