Council Meeting Date:	August 24, 2015	Agenda Item: 2(a)

### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT:		
PRESENTED BY: ACTION:	Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk  Ordinance Resolution Motion Discussion Public Hearing X Proclamation	

#### **ISSUE STATEMENT:**

August 26, 2015 is the anniversary date of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1920, which granted women the right to vote and secured their full participation in our democracy and renewed our commitment to securing equal rights, freedoms and opportunities for all women. In 1971, the Congress of the United States designated August 26<sup>th</sup> as Women's Equality Day to serve as a symbol of the continued fight for equal rights.

The City of Shoreline is calling upon our residents to celebrate the achievements of women and promote gender equality in our City. The Mayor will read the proclamation and present it to a person to accept the proclamation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

Approved By: City Manager City Attorney



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in the past, women in the United States have been treated as second-class citizens and have not been entitled to the full rights and privileges available to male citizens of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, August 26, 2015 is the anniversary date of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, in 1920, granted women the right to vote and secured their full participation in our democracy and renewed our commitment to securing equal rights, freedoms and opportunities for all women; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971 the Congress of the United States designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day to serve as a symbol of the continued fight for equal rights; and

WHEREAS, women are succeeding like never before and contribute to our growing economy and the advancement of our Nation; persistent gender inequality remains pervasive and women continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay; and

**WHEREAS,** the women of the United Stated are to be supported in their fight for equality, commended for their achievements, and encouraged to continue the effort toward attaining full equality;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Shari Winstead, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, hereby proclaim August 26, 2015

# **WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**

in Shoreline, and call upon our residents to celebrate the achievements of women and promote gender equality in our City.

Shari Winstead, Mayor