

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

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| <b>AGENDA TITLE:</b> | Proclamation Declaring Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry |   |  |
| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b>   | Community Services   |   |  |
| <b>PRESENTED BY:</b> | Rob Beem, Community Services Manager                         |   |  |
| <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 |

**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry provides an opportunity for cities to spotlight the needs and efforts their communities are taking to address hunger as a local concern. In Shoreline, fully one in four of our residents lacks the income to assure food security. This means that they are making difficult choices between necessities and often rely on community resources for support. These resources range from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), to food banks, to meals programs. For school age children this also includes meals at school during the school year and weekend backpacks.

This evening, Ms. Polly Terman, Weekend Backpack Program Director, will be present to receive this proclamation. The Weekend Backpack Program packages food to chronically hungry students from low-income households who are at risk of hunger over the weekend when free school meals are unavailable. Every Friday students are discretely given a bag of food containing easy to prepare foods, which is then tucked into their backpacks and brought home. Last school year the Weekend Backpack Program met the needs of 232 students with resources from seven congregations and partners. Other partners in this work across Shoreline include Turning Point (<http://www.turningpointseattle.org>), the Hunger Intervention Program (<http://hungerintervention.org>), the Lake Forest Park Church, and local Rotaries.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Mayor should read and present the proclamation.

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



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline recognizes adequate nutrition as a basic need for each citizen; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity is a concern for one in four Shoreline residents; and

WHEREAS, many studies show the detrimental effects of hunger, whether it is the health of seniors, or the inability of children to focus as students; and

WHEREAS, the Weekend Back Pack Program provides healthy food for weekends and school breaks to 230 students each week in schools across the City; and

WHEREAS the Weekend Food Backpack Program depends on the generous support from congregations, civic groups and individuals' to supply the health and nutritious food that is sent home each week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shari Winstead, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2015 as the

### **MAYOR'S DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY**

in the City of Shoreline and urge all citizens to make a donation to the Weekend Food Backpack Program now and throughout the school year to assist in nourishing those who are hungry.

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Shari Winstead, Mayor