

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of 2016 National Volunteer Week
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services Division
PRESENTED BY:	Constance Perenyi, Volunteer Management Programs Coordinator
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:

This proclamation recognizes April 10 through 16, 2016, as National Volunteer Appreciation Week in Shoreline and across the nation. This recognition calls upon all community members to celebrate and appreciate the many ways a community benefits from the volunteer services so generously donated by local Shoreline residents each year.

Concrete examples of volunteer contributions can be witnessed daily throughout our City in the form of produce grown in our community gardens to be shared with neighbors in need, cleaner parks, trails and roads, ongoing protection of Puget Sound's clean water, safer neighborhoods through collective crime watch efforts, and enhanced public safety through continuous emergency preparedness training, among many other volunteer activities.

During this past year, Shoreline residents have given countless hours connecting with neighbors and friends to identify projects and issues about which they are passionate. By dedicating personal time, energy and expertise to improve our City, their immediate neighborhoods and the broader surrounding community simultaneously benefit. Through the sharing of these talents, residents help maintain a quality of life that a city our size could not otherwise afford to sustain.

Today and this entire week, the City would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the quality contributions of every day Shoreline citizens, to thank them, and to invite our fellow citizens to celebrate their volunteer services so graciously given on our behalf. City staff and two Shoreline volunteers, Nancy Short and Jeanne Powell, who have invested countless hours in the City's community gardens, will be accepting this proclamation on behalf of all volunteers providing service to Shoreline.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor read the proclamation.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 10 through April 16 is Volunteer Week across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, City of Shoreline volunteers provided more than 9,000 hours of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, volunteers assist City departments and the community by contributing their time and talents by serving on boards, commissions, task forces and advisory committees; organizing local neighborhood associations; providing emergency communication capability; cleaning up local parks and streets; growing food for neighbors in need; and providing recreational opportunities for their Shoreline neighbors; among other volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, through their many and varied efforts, volunteers enhance the quality of life in Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, City of Shoreline volunteers will be honored at a Volunteer Appreciation Soiree celebrating their service and provided free admission to local cultural and recreational opportunities in the Shoreline/Seattle area through a reciprocal free admission arrangement during Volunteer Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 10 through April 16, 2016 as

VOLUNTEER WEEK

in the City of Shoreline, and encourage all citizens to seek volunteer opportunities and express appreciation to those who have engaged as such.

Christopher Roberts, Mayor