

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of Earth Day 2016		
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works		
PRESENTED BY:	Rika Cecil, Environmental Services Analyst		
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 22, 2016, as Earth Day in Shoreline. It calls upon businesses and residents to celebrate this 46th 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 have joined together to enhance our environment, build a strong sense of community, and protect our health is Diggin' Shoreline. Since 2009, their activities have evolved and grown in number. This year, their focus is trees, and they will continue to coordinate volunteer environmental work party events, which offer gardening expertise to everyone, including volunteers with little or no gardening experience. Diggin' Shoreline also holds an annual environmental movie event in Shoreline City Hall, as well as provides tool sharpening, tree planting and pruning, and story-telling events for all ages. When they're not engaging in those events, they are providing courses on pickle-making, rain gardening, environmental art and 'Diggin' My Very First Garden', for four to seven year olds.

Tonight, Diggin' Shoreline's Board members Grant Harken and Michael Mathieus will accept the Earth Day Proclamation and share their appreciation of the Council's recognition of their volunteer work to protect Shoreline's environment and the health of its community.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor 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, the community group Diggin' Shoreline provides events, training, story-telling and environmental art opportunities for residents of all ages to become active 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, Christopher Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2016, as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

Christopher Roberts, Mayor