

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

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

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

To children, learning to play a musical instrument is a meaningful activity – it is fun and helps build 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. The community also understands that 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 elementary instrumental 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.

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



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of participation in instrumental music at any age can last a lifetime, and research now shows that students who participate in instrumental music programs tend to do better in math, science, history, reading, writing, international languages, and other academic disciplines; and

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

**WHEREAS**, many adults have lovingly-used musical instruments stored in their garages or attics 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 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 1,700 musical instruments to children in the greater Seattle area, including Edmonds, Highline, Mukilteo, Seattle and Shoreline Public Schools, during the 2015-16 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2016 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 provide what financial support they can to this fine home-grown organization.

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Christopher Roberts, Mayor