

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

<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, weekend backpack for school kids and meal programs. Two congregations in Shoreline, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, provide weekly community meals to help address hunger in the Shoreline community.

This evening, Rev. David Marshall of St. Dunstan's will accept this proclamation. St Dunstan's has formed a partnership with a local Safeway to use food that would otherwise be thrown away to feed hungry people. In a recent op-ed for the Seattle times, Rev Marshall wrote, "...there are plenty of people with jobs and homes who struggle to afford to feed themselves.... Retailers and consumers throw away an estimated 133 billion pounds of food every year in the United States."

Using this excess food from just one supermarket every Tuesday evening, members of the St. Dunstan's congregation and members of the community come together to prepare and serve a community meal feeding over 100 people. They also prepare and distribute an additional 200 meals to five different homeless camps in the region. Rev. Marshall's and St. Dunstan's commitment to fighting food insecurity and hunger are great examples of how the Shoreline community can come together to help those in need.

**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, St Dunstan's Episcopal Church provides meals to 350 hungry people each week; and

WHEREAS, the Tuesday evening meal at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church provides a model way to feed hungry people with food that would otherwise be thrown away;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2016 as the

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

in the City of Shoreline and urge all citizens to support local food banks and weekly meal programs offered by local congregations with donations of food, funds and time.

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Christopher Roberts, Mayor