

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of Earth Day 2017		
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

ISSUE STATEMENT:

Tonight's proclamation recognizes April 22, 2017, as Earth Day in Shoreline. The proclamation calls upon businesses and residents to celebrate this 47th anniversary of Earth Day by committing to protect our natural environment for ourselves, our children, and future generations.

One example of how Shoreline's residents can work to enhance our environment and build a strong sense of stewardship in our community is exemplified by Christine Southwick. She has contributed in numerous ways to protect our environment and provide youth and adults with information and opportunities to practice stewardship. To help gain support to save South Woods, she spoke at meetings and knocked on neighbor's doors to raise awareness of the importance of urban forests and parks. From 2007 – 2011, she worked on the citizens' committee to register the required number of wildlife habitats in Shoreline in order for the City to receive certification as a Community Wildlife Habitat from the National Wildlife Federation. She has inspired others to become environmental stewards by organizing the clean-up of invasive plants in Ronald Bog Park and re-planting the area with native plants. She currently serves as a member of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board and writes the "For the Birds" column in Shoreline Area News.

Tonight Christine Southwick will accept the Earth Day Proclamation and share her appreciation for the Council's recognition of her volunteer work to protect Shoreline's natural environment and the resulting health of our community.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should 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

WHEREAS, future generations depend upon us to build a healthy and sustainable environment for their future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline strives to collaborate with residents and businesses to create a sustainable environment in our community; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline resident Christine Southwick, as a Habitat Steward and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board member who actively participates with the City to create a sustainable environment that preserves our urban forests, exemplifies what Earth Day is all about; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day invites everyone to protect our planet and build a healthy, flourishing community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2017, as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

Christopher Roberts, Mayor