

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation Declaring Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry		
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Rob Beem, Community Services Manager		
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:

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 these residents are making difficult choices between necessities and often rely on community resources for support. These resources include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), weekend backpack for school kids, meal programs, and food banks. The meals programs, weekend backpacks and food banks all rely on generous donations of time, funds and food to be able to meet the growing demand in Shoreline.

Hopelink is Shoreline's largest food bank and source of emergency financial support. In early 2017, Hopelink opened at their new location, Ronald Commons. In their first seven months at their new location, they have seen a 30% increase in the usage of their food bank compared to the same period last year.

Ms. Tamarah Lee, Shoreline Center Manager, Hopelink, will be accepting this proclamation on behalf of Hopelink and the community.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read and present the proclamation.

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



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, the 30% increase in foodbank usage highlights the high level of need for food bank services in Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Hopelink is the largest provider of food and emergency resources for Shoreline residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Roberts, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2017 as the

MAYOR'S DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY

in the City of Shoreline and urge all citizens to support local food banks with donations of food, funds and time.

Christopher Roberts, Mayor