Council Meeting Date: October 2, 2017 Agenda Item: 2(a)

### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation Declaring Safe Shoreline I	Month		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Services Division			
	Shoreline Police Department			
PRESENTED BY:	Brian Dixon, Emergency Management Coordinator			
	Pat Raftis, Shoreline Police Captain			
ACTION:	Ordinance Resolution	Motion		
	Discussion Public Hearing	X Proclamation		

#### **ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Every year disasters disrupt the lives of thousands throughout the United States. Being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur. To highlight emergency preparedness, the month of October has been declared "Washington State Disaster Preparedness Month".

As well, crime and the fear of crime destroy our trust in others. The vitality of our City depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, and the community. To remind our citizens to stay vigilant about community safety and crime prevention, the month of October has also been declared "National Crime Prevention Month".

Given the confluence of these awareness campaigns, the City is proclaiming the month of October as Safe Shoreline Month. This proclamation highlights the proactive and innovative work the City is doing in the areas of policing and emergency management. Programs such as Storm Ready, Shoreline Watch, R.A.D.A.R. and Nurturing Trust bring staff, police and the community together to focus on building trusted relationships. By knowing one another, residents are more vigilant and observant and citizens, and staff and Shoreline Police understand how best to respond at times of emergency and crisis. Together these factors combine to make the community safer.

Community members and business are encouraged to implement preparedness and prevention measures and to participate in these City sponsored programs. Accepting the proclamation on behalf of the City are Emergency Management Coordinator Brian Dixon and Shoreline Police Captain Pat Raftis.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read and present the proclamation.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **JA-T** 



# **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline places a high priority on the safety and security of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has established a Goal to "promote and enhance the city's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives"; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Police Department have established Shoreline Watch, Nurturing Trust and the R.A.D.A.R programs, among others initiatives, to engage the community in crime prevention activities and provide policing that is responsive to residents' mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Emergency Management Program focuses on community preparedness and the City has been recognized as a Storm Ready Community; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been declared "Washington State Disaster Preparedness Month" and "National Crime Prevention Month";

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

# SAFE SHORELINE MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to implement emergency preparedness and crime prevention measures at home, at work, and in their vehicles and to participate with their neighbors in emergency preparedness and crime prevention activities.

Christopher Roberts, Mayor	