

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of Edwin T. Pratt Day		
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:

Edwin T. Pratt, born December 6, 1930, was a civil rights leader and the Executive Director of the Urban Metropolitan League of Seattle. His work was pivotal in implementing the Equal Opportunity Act in the Greater Seattle area, fighting housing discrimination, segregation, employment bias, and police brutality. He intentionally moved to Shoreline with his family to highlight the segregation within housing communities. On January 26, 1969, Edwin Pratt was killed outside his home and the crime remains unsolved.

Tonight, Sarah Haycox, a Meridian Park Elementary student who began the community petition and campaign to name the Shoreline School District's new early learning center after Edwin T. Pratt, will be accepting this proclamation to proclaim December 6, 2018 as Edwin T. Pratt Day on behalf of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read and present the proclamation.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Edwin Pratt, Executive Director of the Seattle Urban League championed school desegregation, fair housing practices, and job opportunities for Black Americans and others facing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Edwin and Bettye Pratt were among the first African American residents to live in the Shoreline when they purchased a home here in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Pratt, was active locally in his church and the Shoreline school district; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Pratt, a civil rights leader, husband, father, and neighbor, was 38 years old when his life was taken in Shoreline on January 26, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Pratt was born on December 6, 1930 and would have been 88 years old this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim December 6, 2018 as

EDWIN T. PRATT DAY

in the City of Shoreline and ask all residents to work together to participate in building a diverse and inclusive community with opportunities for all as Edwin Pratt had envisioned.

Will Hall, Mayor