

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:	Colleen Kelly, 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.

As part of the regions’ recognition of the Mayors’ Day of Concern for the Hungry, Hopelink volunteers will collect food and funds at Traders Joe’s in Shoreline on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Hopelink and other food pantries at schools and churches welcome ongoing contributions of food and funds.

Hopelink is Shoreline’s largest food bank and is the major source of emergency financial support to Shoreline households. From July 2018 to June 2019, 2,356 individuals from 1,259 households were served by Hopelink’s food bank in Shoreline for a total of 23,691 visits. This represents a 12% increase in food bank usage over the previous year. Hopelink distributed 652,117 lbs. of food to these Shoreline residents.

Tonight, James Pabiniak, Hopelink’s Shoreline Food Bank Supervisor, 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 **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, the 12% increase in foodbank usage over the past year highlights the high level of need for food bank services in Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Hopelink and local food pantries at churches and schools rely on contributions of food and funds to meet this ever increasing level of need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2019 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.

Will Hall, Mayor