

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Proclamation Declaring Edwin T. Pratt Day in the City of Shoreline		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Services		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Colleen Kelly, Community Services Manager		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<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 fifty years ago and the crime remains unsolved.

Tonight, Miriam Pratt, daughter of Edwin T. Pratt, will be accepting this proclamation on behalf of the family and community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Mayor should read and present the proclamation.

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



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Edwin Pratt, major civil rights leader, founding member of the Central Area Civil Rights Committee, and Executive Director of the Seattle Urban League; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Pratt championed school desegregation, fair housing policies and practices, and ending discrimination in employment for Black Americans and others; 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 a husband, father, and neighbor, active locally in his church and Shoreline school district; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Pratt, was 38 years old when his life was taken 50 years ago on January 26, 1969 in Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Pratt was born on December 6, 1930 and would have turned 89 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, 2019 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.

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Will Hall, Mayor