

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of 2020 Armed Services Appreciation Day
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk
ACTION: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Motion
 ☐ Discussion ☐ Public Hearing ☒ Proclamation

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Each year, on the third Saturday in the month of May, the nation celebrates Armed Services Appreciation Day (Armed Forces Day). First observed on May 20, 1950, Armed Services Appreciation Day honors Americans serving in the six U.S. military branches – the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard. The month of May is identified as the month of patriotism, as America also celebrates Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, the National Day of Prayer, and Memorial Day. This proclamation acknowledges the important sacrifices that members of the United States military and their families make to our City and nation to ensure freedom and liberty for all citizens. This year, Armed Services Appreciation Day falls on May 16, 2020.

2020 marks the 75th year of the Battle of Iwo Jima. In recognition and remembrance of this significant event in military history, Major General Raymond Coffey, Chairman of the Shoreline Veterans Association, coordinated representation from all branches of the Armed Forces. Unfortunately, the presentation has been canceled because of the accommodations the City is making to keep people healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council declare May 16, 2020 Armed Services Appreciation Day in the City of Shoreline.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline desires to express appreciation to our fellow citizens who have been called upon to perform their military duties, wherever they may be; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Armed Forces have carried out their duties and missions with excellence, patriotism and bravery; and

WHEREAS, thousands of United States troops have sacrificed their lives in service to their country in current and recent military campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the families of the United States military personnel have also sacrificed while providing support for their loved ones engaged in military operations; and

WHEREAS, United States troops continue to serve by protecting the citizens of many nations throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the representatives and family members of the Armed Forces that are here tonight live and work in the greater Shoreline area and contribute to the overall culture of Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council urges Shoreline residents to recognize the important sacrifice of members of the United States military and their families to our City and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2020 as

ARMED SERVICES APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

Will Hall, Mayor