

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of 2021 National Volunteer Week		
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services Division		
PRESENTED BY:	Constance Perenyi, Volunteer Management Programs Coordinator		
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

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

This proclamation recognizes April 18 through 24, 2021 as National Volunteer Appreciation Week in Shoreline and across the nation.

Ordinarily, the City recognizes volunteers in Shoreline for the work they do together in organized efforts to maintain parks and trails, share produce grown in community gardens, and continue training in emergency management. In 2020, the City of Shoreline carefully followed Health Department and Public Health COVID-19 guidance. Most of the City's regular volunteer activities were suspended to keep our community safe.

However, Shoreline residents took up the challenge and found new ways to support their community. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members delivered food and welcomed unsheltered people to use the showers at the Spartan Recreation Center. Neighborhood associations took advantage of a grant opportunity to support their most vulnerable neighbors with safely delivered meals or with coupons to use at the Shoreline Farmers Market.

The City will never be able to count all the hours residents volunteered to sew masks, stocked food pantries, and checked on their neighbors, among many other support efforts this past year. And while we can't point to numbers, or even acknowledge every person who stepped up during this time of crisis, we know that 2020 statistics would top the charts in terms of volunteer time.

At the end of the summer of 2020, staff invited residents to submit gratitude nominations for people who had made a difference. To recognize even more unsung heroes during National Volunteer Week, we will again ask residents to tell us about the local volunteers who have helped them get through this last year. Those recognitions will be posted throughout April on the City's website.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor present the proclamation.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 18 – 24 is Volunteer Week across the country; and

WHEREAS, most of the regular volunteer activities over the past 12 months in the City of Shoreline were suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in the last year, residents of the City of Shoreline stepped up to respond to the needs of the community with countless numbers of volunteer hours and donated resources to help keep their neighbors safe and fed; and

WHEREAS, through their many and varied efforts, volunteers made a significant difference in the lives of others in Shoreline during this unprecedented time; and

WHEREAS, City of Shoreline residents will have the opportunity to recognize people who made a difference in their lives this last year by submitting names to be posted on the City website throughout the month of April;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 18 through April 24, 2021 as

VOLUNTEER WEEK

in the City of Shoreline and encourage all residents to continue their good work supporting the community, and express appreciation to those who have helped others during the pandemic.

Will Hall, Mayor