

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

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Proclamation of Earth Day 2021		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Recreation, Cultural and Community Services		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Autumn Salamack, Environmental Services Coordinator		
<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:**

Tonight’s proclamation recognizes April 22, 2021, as Earth Day in Shoreline. The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970, when millions of people took to the streets to protest the deterioration of the environment. Since then, people around the world have celebrated Earth Day each April to increase awareness of the issues affecting the environment in which we live.

The City of Shoreline has a long-standing commitment to environmental sustainability and recognizes the importance of contributing to sustainability through public projects and programs. Shoreline residents have also demonstrated leadership in acting as stewards of our natural environment and taking steps to address climate change. For example, in 2020, over 300 households completed more than 1,000 actions via the Shoreline Climate Challenge to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce waste, lower utility bills, and support local green jobs.

Continued action at the community and individual level is needed to create a truly sustainable Shoreline. All of us – individuals, organizations, faith groups, businesses, and governments – need to take action to combat climate change and embrace the mantra that Earth Day is every day.

This proclamation calls upon all citizens to celebrate this 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Earth Day by committing to protect our natural environment for current and future generations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

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



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1970, Americans came together to celebrate the first Earth Day and share the message that the success of future generation depends upon how we act today; and

**WHEREAS**, a healthy and sustainable environment is the foundation of a vigorous society and a robust economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shoreline strives to collaborate with residents and businesses to create a sustainable environment in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and community groups in Shoreline inspire and provide many opportunities for residents to become stewards of our environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day offers everyone an opportunity to protect our planet, fight climate change, and build a healthy, flourishing community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2021, as

## EARTH DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

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Will Hall, Mayor