

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

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| AGENDA TITLE: | Proclamation of 2022 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 17 through 23, 2022 as National Volunteer Appreciation Week in Shoreline and across the nation.

Ordinarily, the City hosts an event to celebrate volunteers in Shoreline for their contributions of the previous year. Through most of 2021, the City of Shoreline continued to follow Health Department and Public Health COVID-19 guidance. Most of the City's regular volunteer activities were suspended to keep our community safe.

As they did in 2020, many residents put on their masks and responded to immediate needs in Shoreline. When temperatures climbed to record-breaking highs, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) welcomed people to the City's first cooling station. When snow fell later in the year, volunteers kept the Severe Weather Shelter open. In heavier than usual rainfall, volunteers kept storm drains clean, preventing flooding on their blocks. And as it became safe to gather outside, Forest Stewards brought people together to remove invasive plants and help restore our urban forests through the Green Shoreline Partnership.

The City will never be able to count all the hours residents spent in 2021 helping their families and neighbors navigate through another year of uncertainty. So many of the volunteer contributions of the last year have been made quietly and anonymously, but all were essential in keeping our community strong.

Shoreline will recognize as many of our volunteers as possible this year with a letter from the Mayor and a small gift of a window cling proclaiming Shoreline as a welcoming place for all.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor present the proclamation.

Approved By: City Manager City Attorney



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 17 – 23 is Volunteer Week across the country; and

WHEREAS, many of the regular volunteer activities over the past 12 months in the City of Shoreline were suspended because of the ongoing 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

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 volunteers will be sent a thank you letter and token of appreciation through the mail;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17 through April 23, 2022 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 challenges of the last two years.

Keith Scully, Mayor