

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of Earth Day 2022
DEPARTMENT:	Recreation, Cultural and Community Services
PRESENTED BY:	Cameron Reed, Environmental Services Program Manager
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

ISSUE STATEMENT:

Tonight’s proclamation recognizes April 22, 2022 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.

From working to restore forest habitat in our parks and open spaces to providing community education on climate action, Shoreline residents, businesses, and community groups have demonstrated leadership in acting as stewards of our local ecosystems and taking steps to address climate change. Last year, 745 volunteers put in a collective 2,166 hours restoring habitat at seven parks across the City through the Green Shoreline Partnership. By removing invasive species and planting over 3,000 native trees, these efforts will help address climate change, improve habitat, and support a healthy and resilient urban forest for future generations to enjoy. The City of Shoreline recognizes the significant contribution that these and many other community members have made towards protecting and improving the health of our local ecosystems.

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 52nd 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, resilient, and flourishing community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2022, as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

Keith Scully, Mayor