

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation Recognizing Welcoming Week in Shoreline		
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Suni Tolton, Community Services		
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:

[Welcoming Week](#) is an annual initiative, launched in 2012 by Welcoming America to encourage communities to be more welcoming and inclusive for all. The 2022 Welcoming Week theme of “*Where We Belong*” is about reflecting on what makes people feel like they belong in their community and removing the barriers that prevent connection and meaningful relationships.

Welcoming Week activities can celebrate and highlight the contributions of different communities, as well as support advocacy and restructuring of institutions that maintain and contribute to inequality and inequitable outcomes. Individuals, organizations, and communities are encouraged to host events and other opportunities for recent immigrants, refugees, and long-time residents to increase understanding and build stronger connections, regardless of immigration status, race, ethnicity, language, physical, and mental abilities, religion, income, gender, sexual orientation, age, or other factors.

The purpose of Welcoming Week goal aligns with City Council [Resolution No. 401](#), which declares the City of Shoreline to be an inviting, equitable, and safe community for all and [Resolution No. 467](#), which declares the City’s commitment to building an anti-racist community. In order to achieve the vision of Shoreline as a thriving, friendly city where people of all ages, cultures, and economic backgrounds love to live, work, and play, it requires the spirit of Welcoming Week to be embraced throughout the year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week is a national initiative to promote connections between recent immigrants, refugees, and long-time neighbors to build stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the Duwamish and other Puget Salish indigenous peoples were the original “welcomers” and upon whose lands we now call home; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline population is home to people of increasingly diverse backgrounds, with 32% of residents identifying as people of color, and 23% of residents are foreign born; and

WHEREAS, new residents are vital to Shoreline in sharing different perspectives, establishing businesses, serving in civic roles, and working in critical industries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline recognizes we must work to undo historical and systemic racism, xenophobia, and other oppressions that contribute to inequity to create an anti-racist and welcoming city; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council is committed to ensuring that Shoreline is an inclusive and safe community for all;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, recognize that September 9-18, 2022 is

WELCOMING WEEK

in the City of Shoreline and encourage everyone to support a community where we all belong.

Keith Scully, Mayor