

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation Declaring Mayor’s Day of Concern for the Hungry		
DEPARTMENT:	Recreation, Cultural and Community Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn, Community Services 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:

The Mayors’ Day of Concern for the Hungry provides an opportunity for cities to spotlight the needs and efforts their communities are taking to address hunger as a local concern. Prior to the pandemic, one in four Shoreline residents experienced food insecurity, which meant facing difficult choices among basic necessities and having to seek support from community resources. These resources include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), weekend backpack for school kids, meal programs, and food banks. The meals programs, weekend backpacks and food banks all rely on donations of time, funds, and food to be able to meet the growing demand in Shoreline.

Since the onset of the pandemic, food insecurity is growing throughout the County. According to the Seattle & King County Public Health Food Insecurity Dashboard (<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/impacts/food.aspx>), 11% of adults in the region reported that they sometimes or often did not have enough food to eat during July 2021; which was the highest rate since August 2020. The rate in July 2022 was lowered to 8.4%, but still higher than pre-pandemic numbers.

The City of Shoreline provided extensive food assistance through both the COVID Community Emergency Response Fund, CARES Relief Funding, and additional COVID Response funding. As the pandemic wanes, we know that food insecurity will remain a challenge for many in the Shoreline community. Hopelink operates a food bank in Shoreline and welcomes donations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read and present the proclamation.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline recognizes adequate nutrition as a basic need for all residents and food insecurity is a concern for one in four members of the Shoreline community; and

WHEREAS, King County has reported growing food insecurity throughout the County since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, which continue to remain at high levels; and

WHEREAS, Hopelink also saw an increase in foodbank usage during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Hopelink and local food pantries at churches and schools rely on community contributions to meet this growing need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2022, as the

MAYOR'S DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY

in the City of Shoreline and urge all citizens to generously support local food banks.

Keith Scully, Mayor