

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of 2023 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 6 through 22, 2023, as National Volunteer Appreciation Week in Shoreline and across the nation. This recognition calls upon all community members to celebrate and appreciate the many ways a community benefits from the volunteer services so generously donated by local Shoreline residents each year.

Concrete examples of volunteer contributions can be witnessed daily throughout our City in the form of habitat restoration, produce grown in our community gardens to be shared with neighbors in need, cleaner trails and roads, ongoing protection of Puget Sound's clean water, more connected neighborhoods, and enhanced public safety through continuous emergency preparedness training, among many other volunteer activities.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, many Shoreline residents continued to volunteer as they could. During this past year as we have emerged from the pandemic, volunteers enthusiastically resumed their activities. Their passion, energy and expertise benefit the entire community. By sharing their time, volunteers help maintain a quality of life that a city our size could not otherwise afford to sustain.

Today and this entire week, the City would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Shoreline volunteers, to thank them and celebrate their generous contributions. Accepting this proclamation tonight is Bill Franklin, outgoing Chair of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor read the proclamation.

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



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 16 through April 22 is Volunteer Week across the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, City of Shoreline volunteers logged 8,300 hours of service in a year still impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, volunteers assist City departments and the community by contributing their time and talents by serving on boards, commissions, task forces and advisory committees; restoring habitat; organizing local neighborhood associations; providing emergency communication capability; cleaning up trails and streets; growing food for neighbors in need; and providing recreational opportunities for their Shoreline neighbors; among other volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, through their many and varied efforts, volunteers enhance the quality of life in Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, City of Shoreline volunteers will be honored at a Volunteer Appreciation Event celebrating their service on Wednesday, April 19th;

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 16 through April 22, 2023 as

VOLUNTEER WEEK

in the City of Shoreline, and encourage all citizens to seek volunteer opportunities and express appreciation to those who have engaged as such.

Keith Scully, Mayor