

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation of Earth Day 2023		
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, 2023 as Earth Day in Shoreline. The first Earth Day took place on April 22, 1970, when millions of people took to the streets to demand action to protect the environment. Since then, people around the world have celebrated Earth Day each April to increase awareness of urgent environmental issues and to invite broad participation in solutions from all parts of society.

Shoreline community members continue to model environmental leadership by acting as stewards of our local ecosystems and taking steps to address climate change. For example, the residents and staff at Ballinger Commons, a 485-unit apartment community, have taken several steps to increase sustainability over the past several years. This community has improved recycling practices, earned EnviroStars recognition, started recycling programs for batteries and plastic bags, built a community garden space, started a bee keeping program, and began offering compost service for residents. The City of Shoreline recognizes these exemplary efforts which will prevent valuable resources from being landfilled, support pollinators, provide access to local food, and reduce climate pollution.

Continued action at the community and individual level is needed to address the climate crisis and ensure a livable future for generations to come. All of us – individuals, organizations, faith groups, businesses, and governments – need to do our part to address climate change and embrace the mantra that Earth Day is every day.

This proclamation calls upon all citizens to celebrate this 53rd anniversary of Earth Day by committing to protect our natural environment for current and future generations. Tonight, Kimberly Travis, property manager of Ballinger Commons will attend the meeting to receive the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

Approved By: City Manager **BE** 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 environment is the foundation of a thriving society and economy; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 494 declaring climate change to be a crisis that threatens the health and welfare our community and environment; and

WHEREAS, the actions of individuals, businesses, community groups, and governments can each contribute to protecting a healthy environment and livable future for all; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day offers an opportunity for everyone to act 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, 2023, as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Shoreline.

Keith Scully, Mayor