

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Proclamation declaring January 15 th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Shoreline and recognizing Shoreline teens for their efforts to honor Dr. King.
DEPARTMENT:	Human Services and Parks Recreation and Cultural Services
PRESENTED BY:	Rob Beem, Human Services Manager Sigrid Batara, Teen Programs Coordinator

ISSUE STATEMENT:

On January 15, 2007 the nation celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In Shoreline, teens at Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools and in the City's Teen Program each produce events that honor Dr. King's accomplishments and celebrate his message of equality, empowerment, justice and the worth of all people.

This evening, representatives will join the Council to receive the proclamation and to share their celebration of Dr. King's message and legacy with the City Council and the community.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that a person's worth should not be measured by his or her color, culture, or class, but rather by their commitment to creating a better life for all; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's message of peace and service and his dream of pursuing a world free from prejudice and injustice lives on and has not been forgotten since his tragic death on April 4, 1968; and

WHEREAS, the majesty of his message, the dignity of his bearing and the righteousness of his cause are his lasting legacy and are commemorated on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day every January; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's dream of racial equality, understanding, service and social justice is an inspiration to all of us; and

WHEREAS, service to others helps us to define a vision achievable by working for the common good; and

WHEREAS, teens at Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools and in the City's Teen Program make special efforts to recognize both the diversity in our community and the bonds that unite us all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Ransom, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2007 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in the City of Shoreline and thank our teens for giving voice to Dr King's message, urge our citizens to reflect on our common goals, and celebrate his life and his ideals of freedom and justice for all.

Robert L. Ransom
Mayor of Shoreline