Council Meeting Date: September 15, 2008 Agenda Item: 2(a)

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Emergency Preparedness Month"

DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK

PRESENTED BY: Gail Marsh, Emergency Management Coordinator

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Every year disasters disrupt hundred of thousands of lives, and being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur. The month of September has been declared "National Preparedness and Weather Radio Awareness Month," and this proclamation declares September 2008 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in the City of Shoreline.

Citizens are encouraged to implement emergency preparedness measures at home, at work, and in their vehicles as part of the overall emergency preparedness programs of our community and state. Citizens who have pets are asked to include them in your planning process. They are also encouraged to start a Ready Neighborhood program in their neighborhood. Information on this can be obtained from visiting the City's Web site or contacting our Emergency Managment Coordinator, Gail Marsh.

RECOMMENDATION

no action is requ	irea.	
Approved By:	City Manager	City Attorney



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, every year disasters disrupt hundred of thousands of lives, and being prepared for such emergencies can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that might otherwise occur; and
- WHEREAS, September has been declared "National Preparedness and Weather Radio Awareness Month"; and
- WHEREAS, all Shoreline residents should increase their knowledge and awareness of emergency preparedness actions they can take to make themselves and their families self-sufficient for at least three days following a natural or man-made disaster or an act of terrorism; and
- WHEREAS, the use of information from National Oceanic and Atmospheric weather radios, which are available for purchase commercially, can reduce the loss of life and property from all hazards by sounding a warning alarm at any time around the clock; and
- WHEREAS, the City is a source of information about how citizens can prepare themselves for an emergency; and
- WHEREAS, individual preparedness leads to local, state and national preparedness;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cindy Ryu, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2008 as

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and urge all our citizens to implement emergency preparedness measures at home, at work, and in their vehicle as part of the overall emergency preparedness programs of our community and our state.

> Cindy Ryu Mayor of Shoreline