

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week is a national initiative to promote positive, and meaningful connections between recent immigrants, refugees, and long-time residents to build stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the Duwamish and all Puget Salish indigenous nations as the first people who continue to be stewards of and thrive on these lands we call home; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline population is home to people of increasingly diverse backgrounds, with 32% of residents identifying as people of color, and 23% of residents are foreign born; and

WHEREAS, new immigrants are vital to Shoreline in establishing businesses, serving in civic roles, and working in critical industries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline recognizes we must work to undo historical and systemic racism, xenophobia, and other oppressions that contribute to inequity; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council adopted Resolutions 401 and 467 declaring the City's commitment to being an equitable, safe, inclusive, anti-racist, and welcoming place for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby recognize September 8-17, 2023 as

WELCOMING WEEK

in the City of Shoreline and encourage everyone to support a community where all belong.

Keith Scully, Mayor