

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Date: April 12, 2007

Agenda Item #: Consent C 3

Subject: Proclamation – National Volunteer Week

Contact: Laura Koenig, City Clerk

Summary Statement:

Dave Wood, Director for Sky Valley Services, provided an overview of the services provided by the Sky Valley Services and Volunteers of America at the Council meeting of March 22, 2007. At the meeting, he announced that Officer Holman was selected as the Volunteer of the Year.

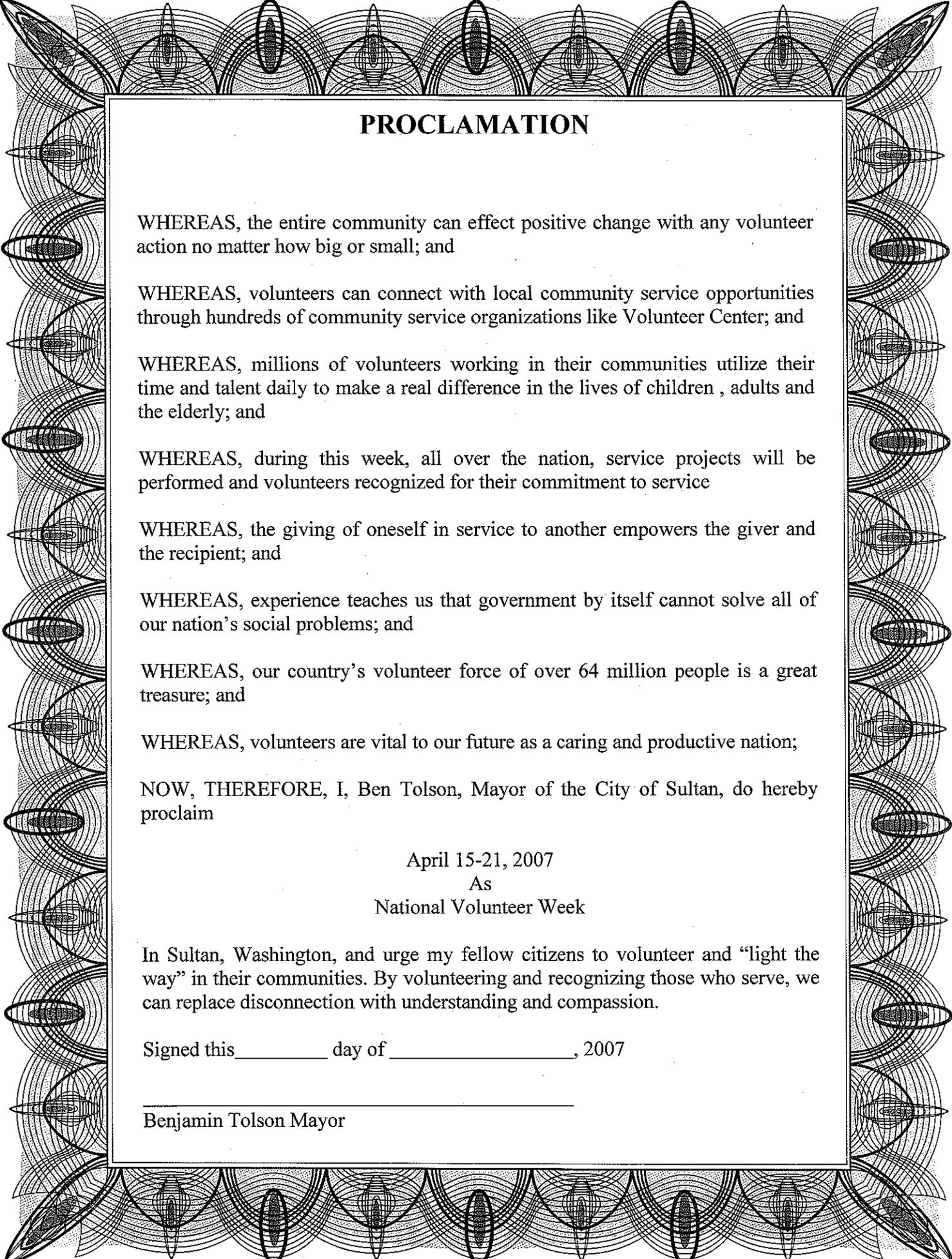
National Volunteer Week is approaching and he has asked that the Council recognize and honor Sultan's volunteers by proclaiming the week of April 15-21 as National Volunteer Week. The Volunteers of America, Sky Valley plans to honor the volunteers in Sultan and the Sky Valley area at a Volunteer Recognition Dessert at Camp Volasuca on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 6:30 PM.

Fiscal Impact:

Recommendation:

Adoption of the Proclamation declaring April 15-21, 2007 as National Volunteer Week.

Attachments: A. Proclamation
B. Letter from Dave Wood



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations like Volunteer Center; and

WHEREAS, millions of volunteers working in their communities utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children , adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nation's social problems; and

WHEREAS, our country's volunteer force of over 64 million people is a great treasure; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben Tolson, Mayor of the City of Sultan, do hereby proclaim

April 15-21, 2007

As

National Volunteer Week

In Sultan, Washington, and urge my fellow citizens to volunteer and "light the way" in their communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2007

Benjamin Tolson Mayor



Volunteers of America
Western Washington

March 22, 2007

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City Hall
Sultan, WA 98294

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Dear Mayor Tolson,

As we approach the 34th annual National Volunteer Week, to be held April 15-21, 2007, we ask you to honor our Sultan's volunteers who tirelessly share their time and talent with those in need – the homeless, the hungry, the elderly, at-risk youth and the disabled in our community. Your support can challenge and encourage the people you represent to commit to sustained and future volunteer service.

National Volunteer Week is about thanking one of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers – and calling the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities.

This year, the President of the United States will again sign a proclamation in support of National Volunteer Week. We hope you will join the President in proclaiming the week of April 15-21, 2007 as National Volunteer Week as well as Aaron Reardon for the County as well as many neighboring cities such as Lynnwood, Lake Stevens, Arlington, Darrington in Sultan and help us bring the week's theme, "Inspire by Example" to life.

Enclosed you will find a sample proclamation and more information about National Volunteer Week, which is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network. The Week was designated by Executive Order as an annual observance by President Richard Nixon in 1974. Every President since has signed a proclamation of support announcing National Volunteer Week as the national week of recognizing volunteers.

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If you have any questions, please call 360-793-2400. We would be honored to have your participation and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Dave Wood
Director – Sky Valley Services
Volunteers of America

A Ministry of Service

