

COUNCIL AGENDA: June 18, 2013

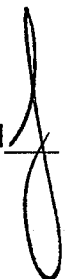
SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – Request for the City Council to Consider Rescinding the City Proclamation of “Gay Pride Month” for June 2013, and Adopt a Resolution of Support for June 2013 as “A Month of Community Charity and Goodwill to All in Porterville”

SOURCE: City Manager

COMMENT: City Council Member Ward has requested that the Council consider rescinding the City’s Proclamation of “Gay Pride Month” for June 2013, and adopt a Resolution of Support for June 2013 as “A Month of Community Charity and Goodwill to All in Porterville”.

RECOMMENDATION: Council Member Ward makes the motion that the City Council authorize the scheduling on the next Council Agenda the consideration of rescinding the City Proclamation of “Gay Pride Month” for June 2013, and adopt a Resolution of Support for June 2013 as “A Month of Community Charity and Goodwill to All in Porterville”.

ATTACHMENT: Draft Resolution

C/M 

Item No. 18

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE,
DESIGNATING JUNE 2013 AS A MONTH OF COMMUNITY CHARITY AND
GOODWILL TO ALL IN THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE

WHEREAS, Porterville is a community of caring and spiritual people who have created a healthy, safe and secure place for people of all geographic, ethnic, economic, religious, and lifestyle backgrounds to live, work, raise their children and age with dignity;

WHEREAS, hate crimes, bullying and suicide is continuing at alarming rates across the nation;

WHEREAS, fundamentally, charity towards our fellow man is a personal decision that comes from an attitude that is learnable and embraceable - a belief that every person on earth is a treasure, vital to the health and prosperity of all;

WHEREAS, Porterville is a community promoting charity and goodwill to all in loving our neighbor as ourselves because of our trust in God, while focusing on how we interact with our families, our neighbors and coworkers by respecting them and ourselves;

WHEREAS, the people of Porterville, in keeping with the principle of liberty for all, unequivocally oppose any manifestation of hatred and prejudice towards any group or individual in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby DECLARED and ORDERED, as follows:

The City Council of the City of Porterville does hereby designate the month of June 2013 as "A Month of Community Charity and Goodwill to All" in Porterville and we resolve to stand together with all people of good faith in our community and declare unequivocally that we have the power to change our attitude, to overcome our ignorance and fears, and to influence our children, our peers and our neighbors to be more charitable. It begins with "each one of us."

This Resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption by this Council.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June, 2013.

Virginia R. Gurrola, Mayor

ATTEST:

John D. Lollis, City Clerk

By: _____
Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk