

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – OCTOBER 7, 2014

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION – CELEBRATION OF EQUALITY, FAIRNESS AND RESPECT FOR RIGHTS FOR ALL WEEK – NOVEMBER 2 - 8, 2014

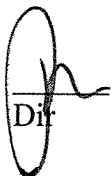
SOURCE: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY CLERK DIVISION

COMMENT: At its meeting of October 1, 2013, the Council amended the process by which proclamations are approved. The new process requires that all proclamations must be sponsored by one Council Member, after which the request is then placed on the Council's agenda for consideration and approval by a majority of the Council.

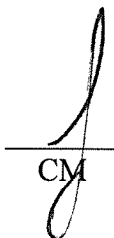
Mr. Barry Caplan has requested that the Council consider approval of a proclamation to recognize November 2 - 8, 2014, as Celebration of Equality, Fairness and Respect for Rights for All Week. Mayor Stowe is sponsoring this proclamation request. If approved, the proclamation will be presented at the City Council meeting on October 21, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider approval of the request to proclaim November 2 - 8, 2014, as Celebration of Equality, Fairness and Respect for Rights for All Week.

ATTACHMENT: 1. Request for Proclamation
2. Draft Proclamation


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Item No. 19



City of Porterville
REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION

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SEP 29 2014
CITY OF PORTERVILLE
CITY CLERK OFFICE

Date of Request: 9/29/14
Name of Event/Individual: Celebration of Equality & Fairness For ALL Week
i.e. "Porterville/Tourism Week", "Mr. John Doe"
Name of Sponsoring Organization: Porterville Equality & Fairness For ALL
Name of Contact Person: BARRY CAPLAN
Address: 1872 SANTA MARIA AVE

Phone: 559-791-8768 FAX: _____

E-mail: bcaplan@gmail.com

I would like the proclamation: presented at a Council Mtg. mailed call for pick-up

Date(s) of Event: ~~11/2~~ 11/2 - 11/8/14

Date of Council Meeting to be presented, if applicable: 10/21/14
(Council meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.)

Individual or representative attending Council Meeting to receive proclamation:
BARRY CAPLAN & ELLIOT TRUBCOOD

Please attach a sample of your proclamation, or the pertinent information needed to formulate your proclamation 3-4 weeks in advance. If assistance is needed, or if you need a sample provided, or to return this form, contact:

Office of City Clerk
291 North Main Street
Porterville, CA 93257
(559) 782-7464 / Fax (559) 782-7452

All requests require a sponsorship by a member of the Council prior to being placed on a City Council Agenda for consideration, and are subject to approval by a majority of the Council.

City Clerk's Section

Request Received: 9/29 Sponsored by: _____ Date: _____
Approved by Council: yes no Date: _____
Notification to Contact person done (date): _____ in writing by phone
Items (s) mailed _____ faxed _____ picked up _____
Comment: _____

WHEREAS, the City of Porterville fully supports the Constitution of the United States and its amendments, particularly the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment and the Constitution of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental human rights and civil liberties guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of California are essential to the well-being of all of the citizens and community of Porterville; and

WHEREAS, several provisions of the USA PATRIOT ACT and other laws enacted at the State and Federal level have threatened and may threaten the fundamental rights and liberties set forth in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City (" the City Council") as follows:

WHEREAS: Section 1. We, the City Council of the City of Porterville have sworn to uphold and support the Constitution of the United States as well as the Constitution of the State of California. We know that the United States of America as well as the State of California is governed by the "rule of law." The City of Porterville is committed to upholding the law of the land as well as the human rights of all persons in Porterville, including, but not limited to, United States citizens and citizens of other nations who have entered into the United States in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, and including, but not limited to members of protected classes enumerated in US and/or California Constitutions and court decisions at the highest level in each jurisdiction, including but not limited to

1. Age
2. Ancestry
3. Color
4. Disability
5. Genetic Information
6. Medical Condition (cancer and genetic characteristics)
7. Marital Status
8. National Origin
9. Race
10. Religion
11. Sex (which includes pregnancy, childbirth, medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth, gender, gender identity and gender expression)
12. Sexual Orientation
13. Veteran status

and the free exercise and enjoyment of any and all rights and privileges secured by the constitutions of the United States of America and the State of California,.

WHEREAS: Section 2. The City Council of the City of Porterville calls upon all City officials and employees to continue to respect the human rights and civil liberties of all members of this community, including, but not limited to, those who are citizens of other nations who have entered into the United States in accordance with State and Federal laws and regulations and including, but not limited to members of protected classes enumerated in US and California Constitutions and court decisions at the highest level in each jurisdiction, as enumerated in Section 1 of this Proclamation, Such respect shall not be construed to encourage or condone violation of any State or Federal law.

WHEREAS: Section 3. The City Council of the City of Porterville also calls upon all private citizens, including residents, employers, educators and business owners, to demonstrate similar respect for human rights and civil liberties. Such respect shall not be construed to encourage or condone violation of any State or Federal law.

WHEREAS: Section 4. The City Council of the City of Porterville urges the State Legislature, the Governor of the State of California, and the United States Congress, particularly the delegation representing Porterville to actively work for the revocation of any law or executive order that limits or violates fundamental rights and liberties embodied in the constitutions of the United States of America and the State of California, and pledges to do so itself.

WHEREAS: Section 5. The week between November 2, 2014 and November 8, 2014 includes both Veterans Day and Election day, during which, in grand fashion, Porterville both celebrates and exercises its citizen's and resident's rights and their individual and collective defense of rights inherent in the People.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor of Porterville Milt Stowe, with the voted support of the Council as a whole, on October 21, 2014, do proclaim the week from November 2 to November 8, 2014 as "Celebration of Equality and Fairness and Respect for Rights for All Week" in Porterville.