### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – MARCH 17, 2015

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION - FAIR HOUSING MONTH - APRIL

2015

SOURCE:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT/CITY CLERK

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.

Staff has requested that the Council consider approval of a proclamation to proclaim the Month of April 2015 as Fair Housing Month. Council Member Gurrola is sponsoring this proclamation request. If approved, applicant requests that the proclamation be presented at the City Council Meeting of

April 7, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider approval of the request to proclaim

the Month of April 2015 as Fair Housing Month.

ATTACHMENT: Request for Proclamation 1.

> 2. **Draft Proclamation**

Item No. 21



# City of Porterville REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION



in writing □ by phone □

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CITY OF PORTERVILLE CITY CLERK OFFICE Date of Request: 3 9 15 Name of Event/Individual: Fair Housing Month Name of Sponsoring Organization: Coty of Portersille Name of Contact Person: <u>upe diaz</u> Address: 291 N. Main St. Phone: 782-7460 FAX: 781-E-mail: Idiaz@ci.porterville.ca.us I would like the proclamation: ₱presented at a Council Mtg. □ mailed □ call for pick-up Date(s) of Event: Month of April Date of Council Meeting to be presented, if applicable: April 7, 2015
(Council meets 1" and 3" Tuesdays of each month.) Individual or representative attending Council Meeting to receive proclamation: 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: 3/9/15 Sponsored by: Guvola Date: 3/9/15

Items (s) 

mailed \_\_\_\_\_ 

faxed \_\_\_\_ 

picked up \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Council: yes □ no □ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification to Contact person done (date):

Comment:

#### FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, April marks the 47th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968 which sought to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Title VIII of that law is referred to as the Fair Housing Act. In its original form, the Fair Housing Act prohibited discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, religion, and national origin; and

WHEREAS, since 1968, the Act has been expanded to include sex, handicap and familial status; and

**WHEREAS,** the ongoing struggle for dignity and housing opportunity for all is not the exclusive province of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination can be as effective, if not more so, than Federal efforts; and

WHEREAS, illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that in the pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility of providing equal housing opportunities for all men and women, I, Mayor Milt Stowe, of the City of Porterville, in the State of California, hereby join in the national celebration by proclaiming

APRIL, 2015

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## FAIR HOUSING MONTH

and encouragex all agencies, institutions and individuals, public and private, in <b>the £ity of Porterville</b> to
abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing law.

Signed and sealed this	day of April <sub>x</sub>
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