

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – OCTOBER 1, 2013

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PROCLAMATION – COMING OUT DAY

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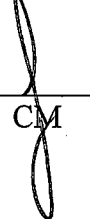
COMMENT: At its meeting of July 16, 2013, the Council amended the process by which proclamations are approved. The new process requires a majority of the Council to approve the request prior to a City proclamation being made.

Ms. Melissa McMurrey has requested that the Council consider approval of a proclamation in support of National Coming Out Day. If approved, it is requested that the proclamation be presented at the City Council Meeting of October 15, 2013.

For Council's information, the Council will be considering amending the process by which proclamations are approved during scheduled matters on this agenda. In the event the process is amended, the Council could, at its discretion, apply the amended process to this proclamation by removing it from the Consent Calendar for consideration at the end of the scheduled matters.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider the approval of the proposed Proclamation declaring October 11, 2013 as "Coming Out Day."

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Proclamation

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Item No. 14



City of Porterville
REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION

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SEP 25 2013
CITY OF PORTERVILLE
CITY CLERK OFFICE

Date of Request: 9/17/13
Name of Event/Individual: National Coming Day 2013
i.e. "Porterville Tourism Week", "Mr. John Doe"
Name of Sponsoring Organization: Gay Porterville
Name of Contact Person: Melissa McMurray
Address: 2059 Linda Vista Avenue Porterville, CA
Phone: 559-361-8719 FAX: N/A 9325-
E-mail: Melissa@gayporterville.com

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

Date(s) of Event: 10/1/13

Date of Council Meeting to be presented, if applicable: October 15, 2013
(Council meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.)

Individual or representative attending Council Meeting to receive proclamation:
Melissa McMurray Gay Porterville

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 are 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: 9/25/13 Approved by Council: yes no Date: _____

Notification to Contact person done (date): _____ in writing by phone

Items (s) mailed _____ faxed _____ picked up _____

Comment: _____

National Coming Out Day 2013

Whereas: National Coming Out Day on October 11 is celebrated internationally and in Porterville as a day of self-affirmation and awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues, by members of the LGBT community, their families, friends, and allies regardless of ethnicity, race, religious affiliation, political affiliation, profession, or socio-economic status.

Whereas: National Coming Out Day was founded in 1988 to celebrate the second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights in 1987, in which 500,000 people marched on our Nation's Capital to raise awareness of and garner support for the LGBT community.

Whereas: Coming out, which is public self-acknowledgement of belonging to the LGBT community, is recognized by many as a significant life experience. It is a turning point from concealing one's identity to the fulfillment of being true to one's self to claim dignity, empowerment, and self-respect, and to receiving the tolerance and support from others that is deserved by all.

Whereas: For students in Porterville, coming out can be particularly difficult in light of bullying and harassment occurring in schools and on social media platforms.

Whereas: Numerous studies show that inclusion of Gay-Straight Alliances (GSA) and LGBT-inclusive curricula in schools have positive and significant impacts in reducing homophobic remarks towards, and feelings of insecurity among LGBT students.

Whereas: There are many organizations working in Porterville, CA towards creating an accepting and supportive community for all Porterville residents including Gay Porterville, The Trevor Project, Porterville College Pride Club, Porterville Equality and Fairness for All Coalition, PFLAG Tulare-Kings.

Now, Therefore I, Cameron Hamilton, Mayor Of Porterville, on behalf of the Porterville City Council do hereby proclaim October 11, 2013, as

"National Coming Out Day" in recognition of the courage it takes to come out and respect for the diversity and dignity of all LGBT community members and employees of Porterville.