SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION – MDA & FIREFIGHTER MONTH –

MAY 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.

Porterville Firefighters and the MDA have requested that the Council consider approval of a proclamation to recognize May 2014 as MDA & Firefighter Month in the City of Porterville. Mayor Hamilton is sponsoring this proclamation request. If approved, the proclamation will be presented at the

City Council Meeting of May 6, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council consider approval of the request to proclaim May 2014 as MDA & Firefighter Month in the City of Porterville.

ATTACHMENTS:

Request for Proclamation

Item No. 20



City of Porterville REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION



CITY OF PORTERVILLE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES Date of Request: 4-10-14 Name of Event/Individual: Porterville Firetighters L 2169 Fill the Boot i.e. "Porterville Tourism Week", "Mr. John Dab" Name of Sponsoring Organization: Muscular Dystrophy Association Name of Contact Person: Carrie Danny Address: 1943 N. Gateway #101, Fresno CA 93727 Phone: <u>559.453.9822</u> FAX: <u>559.453-9829</u> E-mail: cdanny@mdausa.org I would like the proclamation: presented at a Council Mtg. \square mailed \square call for pick-up Date(s) of Event: May 2nd & May 17th, 2014 Date of Council Meeting to be presented, if applicable: (Council meets 1" and 3" Tugsdays of each month.) Individual or representative attending Council Meeting to receive proclamation: arrie Danny (MDA) & Cody Clem 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: _____ Sponsored by: _____ Date: ____ Approved by Council: yes □ no □ Date: Notification to Contact person done (date): ______ in writing \(\sigma\) by phone \(\sigma\)

Comment:

CITY OF PORTERVILLE

Proclamation

Muscular Dystrophy refers to a group of more than 40 muscle diseases that cause weakness and muscle wasting. Two of the most common forms are Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a disease found in children that progresses slowly, with survival rare beyond their late twenties; and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease), a disorder that progresses rapidly in adults, with average survival of just four years after being diagnosed.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is a dedicated partnership of scientists and citizens aimed at conquering muscle diseases. MDA is the world leader in neuromuscular disease research, with seventy seven percent of every dollar raised funding research, patient care and education.

WHEREAS, members of the IAFF Local #2169 - Porterville Fire Fighters serve and protect residents of Porterville every day; and

WHEREAS, members of the IAFF Local #2169 - Porterville Fire Fighters have become a symbol of pride, honor and strength; and

WHEREAS, members of the IAFF Local #2169 - Porterville Fire Fighters unselfishly donate their time and energy to join MDA in the fight against muscular dystrophy, and

WHEREAS, Fire Fighters across the nation are the largest contributor to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and in 2014 are celebrating the 60 year anniversary of Fill-the-Boot. All donations will remain local to provide medical and social services to hundreds of local adults and children with living with muscle diseases and fund research to find cures; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the IAFF Local #2169 - Porterville Fire Fighters hit the streets for MDA's Fill-the-Boot campaign and raised over \$24,000!

NOW THEREFORE,

I, Cameron Hamilton, Mayor of the City of Porterville, do hereby proclaim May as "MDA & FIRE FIGHTER MONTH"

in the city of Porterville and urge all citizens to support the Porterville Fire Department and the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association by making a donation to Fill-the Boot May 2nd and May 17th!