

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER 2014

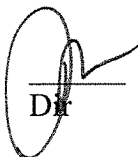

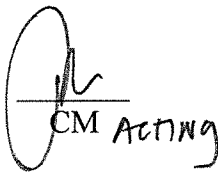
SOURCE: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY CLERK DIVISION

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.

The Family Crisis Center has requested that the Council consider approval of a proclamation to recognize October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Council Member Reyes is sponsoring this proclamation request. If approved, the proclamation will be presented at the City Council on October 7, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider approval of the request to proclaim October 2014, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

ATTACHMENT: 1. Request for Proclamation  
2. Draft Proclamation

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Item No. 7



City of Porterville  
REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION

Date of Request: August 25<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Name of Event/Individual: Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
i.e. "Porterville Tourism Week", "Mr. John Doe"  
Name of Sponsoring Organization: Family Crisis Center  
Name of Contact Person: Krystle Contreras  
Address: 770 N Main St Porterville 93257  
Phone: 559-781-7462 FAX: 559-781-6240  
E-mail: krystle@ccfamilycrisis.org  
I would like the proclamation:  presented at a Council Mtg.  mailed  call for pick-up  
Date(s) of Event: October 2014

Date of Council Meeting to be presented, if applicable: Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 2014  
(Council meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month.)

Individual or representative attending Council Meeting to receive proclamation:  
Anna Green / Krystle Contreras

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: 8/25/14 Sponsored by: Reyes Date: 8/25/14  
Approved by Council: yes  no  Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notification to Contact person done (date): \_\_\_\_\_ in writing  by phone   
Items (s)  mailed \_\_\_\_\_  faxed \_\_\_\_\_  picked up \_\_\_\_\_  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2014 Proclamation**

**Whereas, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during their lifetime.**

**Whereas, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year;**

**Whereas, when a family member is abused, it can have long term damaging effects on the victim that can also leave a mark on family, friends and the community at large;**

**Whereas, families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation;**

**Whereas, domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole, but particularly women and children;**

**Whereas, violence against women and children is a prevalent social ill due to the historical imbalance of power in gender and age.**

**Whereas, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference;**

**Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systemic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse;**

**Whereas, Victims should have assistance to find the comfort and healing they need, and perpetrators of domestic violence should be punished to the full extent of the law;**

**Whereas, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so they can escape the cycle of abuse.**