

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK –
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2014

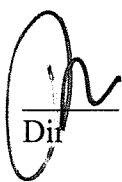
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COMMENT: At its meeting of October 1, 2013, the Council amended the process by which proclamations are approved. The new process requires that all proclamations must be sponsored by one Council Member, after which the request is then placed on the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

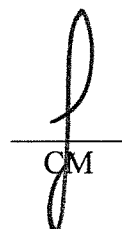
Ms. Pat Holly, representing the Alta Mira Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), has requested that the Council consider approval of a proclamation to recognize September 17-23, 2014, as Constitution Week. Vice Mayor Hamilton is sponsoring this proclamation request.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider approval of the request to proclaim September 17-23, 2014, as Constitution Week.

ATTACHMENT: 1. Request for Proclamation
2. Draft Proclamation


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Item No. 11



City of Porterville
REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION



Date of Request: 9/2/14

Name of Event/Individual: Constitution Week Bells Across America
i.e. "Porterville Tourism Week", "Mr. John Doe"

Name of Sponsoring Organization: Atta Mina Chapter, DAR

Name of Contact Person: Pat Holly

Address: 33459 Globe Dr. Springville

Phone: 539-6019, 783-3265 FAX: _____

E-mail: paholly@ocsnet.net

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

Date(s) of Event: 9/17/14 - 9/23/14

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

Individual or representative attending Council Meeting to receive proclamation:

Pat Holly or another representative

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: 9/2/14 Sponsored by: Hamilton Date: 9/9/14

Approved by Council: yes ☐ no ☐ Date: _____

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

Items (s) ☐ mailed _____ ☐ faxed _____ ☐ picked up _____

Comment: _____



NEWS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 1, 2014

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AMERICA CELEBRATES U.S. CONSTITUTION DAR Promotes Constitution Week Awareness

WASHINGTON, DC – September 17, 2014, begins the national celebration of Constitution Week. The weeklong commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances. Our Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those inalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started many years ago by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). In 1955, the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law #915 on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The aims of the celebration are to (1) emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; (2) inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and (3) encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

The United States of America functions as a Republic under the Constitution, which is the oldest document still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people. This landmark idea that men had the inalienable right as individuals to be free and live their lives under their own governance was the impetus of the American Revolution. Today, the Constitution stands as an icon of freedom for people around the world.

"Constitution Week is the perfect opportunity to read and study this great document which is the safeguard of our American liberties," states DAR President General, Lynn Forney Young. "We encourage all citizens across the country to take time this week to reflect on our heritage of freedom and come together to Celebrate America!"

DAR has served America for 124 years as its foremost cheerleader. In 1928, the Daughters began work on a building as a memorial to the Constitution. John Russell Pope, architect of the Jefferson Memorial, was commissioned to design the performing arts center, known as DAR Constitution Hall. Today, DAR Constitution Hall is one of the only structures erected in tribute to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Known as the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, DAR has over 175,000 members with approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and 13 foreign countries. The DAR has long promoted patriotism through commemorative celebrations, memorials, scholarships and activities for children, and programs for new immigrants. For more information about DAR and its programs visit www.dar.org or call (202) 628-1776.

A SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

Constitution Week 2014

Whereas, September 17, 2014 marks the two hundred and twenty-seventh anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

Whereas, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as constitution week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, -----, (Governor or Mayor) of the (State or City) of ----- do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2014 to be

CONSTITUTION WEEK

In (State or City), and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

PLACE STATE OR CITY SEAL HERE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the (State or city) of -----on this seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty eighth and of the (Statehood) of ----- the -----.