

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PROCLAMATION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER 2013

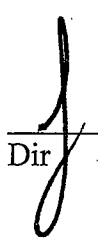
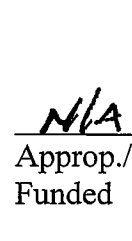
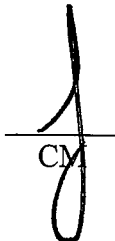
SOURCE: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/CITY CLERK DIVISION

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.

The Family Crisis Center has requested that the Council consider approval of a proclamation in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month during the month of October. If approved, the proclamation will be presented at the City Council meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider the approval of the proposed Proclamation declaring October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Proclamation

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DRAFT PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, genders and income levels. It is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and
- WHEREAS: Almost one third of American women murdered each year are killed by their current or former partners; and
- WHEREAS: Children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and
- WHEREAS: Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this crime; and
- WHEREAS: Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VIRGINIA R. GURROLA, Mayor of the City of Porterville, on behalf of the Porterville City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2013, as,

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Porterville and encourage all residents to support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.

PROCLAIMED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.

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Virginia R. Gurrola,  
Mayor

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Pete V. McCracken,  
Vice-Mayor

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Cameron Hamilton,  
Council Member

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