City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Proclamation – International Literacy Day

Report in Brief

The Council has been involved and supportive of the City Literacy Program for many years and has demonstrated this support through the annual adoption of Proclamation in support of Literacy.

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim September 8, 2008 as the observation of "International Literacy Day".

Background

It is difficult to believe that 1 in 5 Americans are considered illiterate nation wide. Our own statistics in the City of Woodland are that 18% of the citizenry experience literacy issues. The attached proclamation is intended to promote the benefits of a literate, educated population that contributes to community life economic development and worldwide competitiveness.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim September 8, 2008 as the observation of "International Literacy Day".

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Attachment: Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Whereas, One in 5 Americans are considered illiterate. 18 percent of adults in the City of Woodland experience literacy issues that severely impact their lives, the lives of their families, their ability to work productively, and their full participation as citizens and residents of our city, state, and nation; and

Whereas, literacy is the foundation of all learning and essential to the growth and success of every citizen; and

Whereas, the need for a highly literate society increases as the world moves toward an increasingly technological future; and

Whereas, a literate workforce is essential to our great nation, and affects our economic development and competitiveness worldwide.

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Woodland, does hereby proclaim Monday, September 8, 2008 as "International Literacy Day" in the City of Woodland, and urges all citizens to learn more about the importance of literacy in their community and become involved with literacy in Woodland.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2008

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

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William Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member