



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation of International Literacy Day, September 8, 2009

Report in Brief

The City Council is asked to proclaim September 8, 2009 as “International Literacy Day,” with the theme of Literacy and Empowerment in recognition of the importance of literacy in community participation, citizenship, and social development.

Woodland Literacy Council President, Rosalinda Martinez, will accept the proclamation and make a presentation of a check to the City Council for Woodland Public Library Literacy Service for local literacy efforts.

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring September 8, 2009 as “International Literacy Day” and encourage residents to learn more about the importance of literacy in their community and become involved with literacy in Woodland.

Background

The City Council has shown their support for “International Literacy Day” in the past by issuing a Proclamation. This is the opportunity for the Council to recognize the importance of literacy in community participation, citizenship and social development.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring September 8, 2009 as "International Literacy Day" and encourage residents to learn more about the importance of literacy in their community and become involved with literacy in Woodland.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Whereas, One in five Americans are considered illiterate. Eighteen 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; and

Whereas, Literacy and Empowerment is the theme for the 2009 International Literacy Day in recognition of the importance of literacy in participation, citizenship and social development.

Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Woodland, does hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 8, 2009 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 1st day of September, 2009

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member

William L. Marble, Council Member

Martie L. Dote, Council Member