

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE May 5, 2015	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE **NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK**

BACKGROUND

During his presidency, Dwight D. Eisenhower stated, "Among Americans, The Salvation Army has long been a symbol of wholehearted dedication to the cause of brotherhood. In time of war, the men and women of this organization have brought to those serving their country far from home, friendliness and warm concern. In the quieter days of peace, their work has been a constant reminder to us all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans, giving freely of themselves, the men and women of The Salvation Army have won the respect of all."

The week of November 18 - December 4, 1954 was declared by the United States Congress and proclaimed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to be the first National Salvation Army Week. Today, the dates have changed, but the work of The Salvation Army that was recognized has not - to serve those in need without discrimination.

National Salvation Army week is a time for us as a community and as a nation to thank the Salvation Army, their donors and volunteers for accomplishing all that they do.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the council, please approve the National Salvation Army proclamation.



Proclamation

Whereas, since its founding in Great Britain in 1865, the Salvation Army has provided humanitarian relief and spiritual guidance to people throughout the world; and

Whereas, Through countless acts of service, members of The Salvation Army continue the compassionate tradition of helping wherever there is hunger, disease, destitution, and spiritual need by providing shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, self-sufficiency for the disabled, rehabilitation for substance abusers, and education for impoverished children; and

Whereas, The Salvation Army provides humanitarian relief and spiritual guidance in 125 countries around the world and serves more than 28 million Americans in need each year in 5,000 communities nationwide; and

Whereas, The Salvation Army has been faithfully and lovingly serving the citizens of Coos County since 1898; and

Whereas, It is appropriate that we recognize and honor the Salvation Army's dedicated donors, officers, staff, and volunteers for their leadership, sacrificial work, and outstanding service and express our deep appreciation and gratitude,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, do hereby proclaim May 11 through May 17, 2015 as

"National Salvation Army Week"

and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the Salvation Army during that week for its faithful 150 years of service.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 5th day of May 2015.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor