

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE September 20, 2016	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors
FROM: Jackie Mickelson, Executive Assistant
THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager
ISSUE: Constitution Week Proclamation

BACKGROUND:

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). They petition Congress in 1955 to set aside the week of September 17th – 23rd each year to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. A resolution was later adopted by the United States Congress and signed into public law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 2, 1956.

The celebration aims are to emphasis citizen’s responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution; inform people that the Constitution is the basis for American’s great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

DAR has been the primary advocate for the awareness, promotion, and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides numerous opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach with two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society’s work. By fostering knowledge of and appreciation for the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured the nation’s independence whose bravery and sacrifice made possible the freedoms we enjoy today.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Council, consider approving the Constitution Week Proclamation.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, September 17, 2016 marks the two hundred twenty-ninth 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 accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to 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, Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, Oregon do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

Constitution WEEK

in Coos Bay, Oregon; and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 20th day of September 2016.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor