

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Clerk

Subject:

RESOLVE #15-16/17 – Adopting a Proclamation regarding Memorial Day. Passage requires majority vote.

Position:

This proclamation contains language recognizing veterans, current military personnel and the sacrifices of civilians in times of war.

State law (30-A M.R.S.A. §2901) requires that municipalities, on the day that Memorial Day is observed, decorate the graves of veterans with American flags. The South Portland War Veteran's Memorial Association will be gathering on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at the VFW Post 832 on 50 Peary Terrace at 9:00am to place flags.

Requested Action:

Council passage of RESOLVE #15-16/17.

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**IN CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVE #15-16/17**

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby adopts the following
PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a national holiday dedicated to remembrance and recognition of veterans and those currently serving in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, throughout United States history the freedoms enjoyed by Americans have been won and protected through the sacrifices made by individual men and women in the various branches of the military, including National Guard and Reserve Forces; and

WHEREAS, families of members of the armed forces make sacrifices and suffer losses because of their relatives' service in the military; and

WHEREAS, in time of war some civilians may be casualties, and their sacrifices and the losses to their families are also deserving of recognition, respect and support.

NOW, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the South Portland City Council publicly states its respect for, gratitude to and support of all United States military service personnel and their families, and all civilians assisting in the current war effort and their families.

Dated: May 15, 2017