

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Clerk

Subject:

PROCLAMATION #3-14/15 – Proclaiming October 20th, 2014 to October 26th, 2014 as Free Speech Week. Passage requires majority vote.

Position:

At the request of Tony Vigue, SPC-TV Director, this item is brought forward to proclaim October 20th, 2014 to October 26th, 2014 as Free Speech Week.

Free Speech Week is a nationwide observance to recognize the importance of Public, Educational and Government Access centers all across the country.

Requested Action:

Council Consideration of PROCLAMATION #3-14/15.



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WHEREAS, Free Speech Week is a nationwide observance, that will take place the week of October 20th through the 26th, 2014, to recognize the importance of Public, Educational and Government Access centers all across the country. This week provides us another opportunity to raise public awareness about the First Amendment and the role of SPC-TV in educating and empowering the citizens of South Portland. National Free Speech Week provides residents with an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Founding Fathers and to reflect on the rights and privileges of citizenship, as well as its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, SPC-TV is an office of the City of South Portland that provides a public forum for residents of the City to express their opinions through Public, Educational and Government Access television. SPC-TV provides media training, modern production facilities, cable channel and Internet access to promote media literacy so the citizens of South Portland may exercise their First Amendment Right to free speech. For more information about celebrating with SPC-TV during Free Speech Week, visit <http://www.southportland.org/departments/spc-tv/>; and

WHEREAS, National Free Speech Week is celebrated the third week of October each year and encourages organizations and communities around the country to advance the cause of Free Speech through education and awareness activities. It was created by the Media Institute and launched in 2005 with partnership with the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation (NABEF). The Institute maintains the NFSW Website (freespeechweek.org) and serves as a clearinghouse for information about National Freedom of Speech Week.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the South Portland City Council does hereby proclaim October 20th through October 26th, 2014 as

National Free Speech Week

Sealed with the Seal of the City of South Portland on this 20th day of October in the year Two Thousand Fourteen.

Dated: October 20, 2014