

Meeting of September 3, 2014

South Portland City Council  
***Position Paper of the City Manager***

***Subject:***

**PROCLAMATION #1-14/15 – Proclaiming September 15, 2014 to September 21, 2014 as National Drive Electric Week. Passage requires majority vote.**

***Position:***

This item is brought forward to proclaim September 15, 2014 to September 21, 2014 as National Drive Electric Week.

National Drive Electric Week is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc.

The City will be hosting an event on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the Community Center. The event will run from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will showcase many electric vehicles currently on the market with dealerships and some owners giving test drives.

***Requested Action:***

Council passage of PROCLAMATION #1-14/15.

  
City Manager



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**PROCLAMATION #1-14/15**

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**WHEREAS**, National Drive Electric Week is a nationwide observance, that will take place the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 drawing attention to the environmental, economic, and other benefits of plug-in vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, National Drive Electric Week promotes change to accelerate the shift to plug-in vehicles powered by clean, affordable, domestic electricity to reduce our country's dependence on petroleum, thereby, improving our environment; and

**WHEREAS**, National Drive Electric Week organizers work through grassroots activism, education, and outreach to advocate for a global shift to plug-in vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Plug In America, Sierra Club, Electric Auto Association, and various automakers represent the supporters of plug-in's, including motorcycles, passenger cars and trucks, which have been shown to be the cleanest vehicles on our highways; and

**WHEREAS**, National Drive Electric Week signifies a wide-ranging proactive mission to urge car manufactures to produce electric vehicles to wean the United States off its dependency on foreign oil.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED**, that the South Portland City Council does hereby proclaim September 15 through September 21, 2014 as

***National Drive Electric Week***

Sealed with the Seal of the City of South Portland on this 3rd day of September in the year Two Thousand Fourteen.

Dated: September 3, 2014