



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

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**IN COUNCIL
RESOLVE #14-17/18**

RESOLVED, that the City of South Portland hereby adopt the following Proclamation:

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND THAT:

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers created and adopted the United States Constitution in 1787, thereby setting forth the supreme law of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the first ten amendments to the Constitution, written by James Madison to guarantee individual freedoms, were ratified in 1791 and became known collectively as the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances"; and

WHEREAS, freedom of speech is a right guaranteed to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Free Speech Week, a national, annual, non-partisan, commemorative event, takes place during the third full week of October to raise awareness of the importance of free speech and a free press in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Free Speech Week is designed to be an inclusive celebration for all Americans, and as such, a wide variety of organizations, schools and individuals across the country will conduct activities and events devoted to free speech topics to mark the week; and

WHEREAS, Free Speech Week is also an opportunity to share information with the public and the media as a way of furthering the vision of our Founding Fathers;

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED, that the South Portland City Council does hereby proclaim October 16 through October 22, 2017 as

National Free Speech Week

Sealed with the Seal of the City of South Portland on this 16th day of October in the year Two Thousand Seventeen.

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