## **RESOLUTION NO. 1158**

## A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE CITY ISSUING PROCLAMATIONS

## RECITALS:

- A. From time to time, the Prineville City Council adopts proclamations recognizing certain events, causes, individuals, or groups.
- B. In issuing such proclamations Prineville City Council does not wish to offend persons or groups, but recognizes causes, events, persons, groups, or organizations with local implications. The council will consider requests that are timely, have potential relevance to a majority of Prineville's population, and contain positive messages.

BASED UPON the above Recitals, the City of Prineville resolves as follows:

1. <u>The Intent of Proclamations</u>. It is the City's position that proclamations issued by the City Council are not public forums, but are methods of the City speaking on an issue and that such speech is controlled by the City through its City Council.

## 2. Proclamation Policy.

- a. All proclamations must have the support and sponsorship of a member of the Prineville City Council to be considered for adoption. A draft of the proposed proclamation shall be submitted by a resident of the City to a Council member.
- b. If a Council member is willing to sponsor a proclamation, the Councilor will contact the City recorder to have the question of whether the proclamation be issued or not placed on the agenda of a future City Council meeting. The draft of the proclamation shall be submitted to the City Recorder to be included in the staff report for the meeting at which the proclamation will be voted on. The language for the proclamation shall be prepared by the individual or group seeking the proclamation. The City Council may approve the issuance of the proclamation, deny the issuance of the proclamation, or modify the proclamation and approve such modified proclamation. If approved by the Council, the proclamation will be read at the Council meeting requested by the person or group seeking issuance of the proclamation or if there is no requested date or the requested date has passed, the proclamation shall be read at the Council meeting following approval of the issuance of the proclamation. The proclamation shall be signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Recorder.
  - c. No proclamations will be issued if they:
    - i) Promote hatred of any person or class of persons;
    - ii) Contain any inflammatory, obscene, or libelous statements;

- iii) Are in support of or against a political candidate or political party;
- iv) Are in support of or against any for profit business
- d. The original proclamation signed by the Mayor shall be delivered to the citizen originally requesting the issuance of the proclamation or his or her designee.

Passed by the City Council this 12th day of April, 2011.

Betty J. Roppe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Morgan, City Recorder