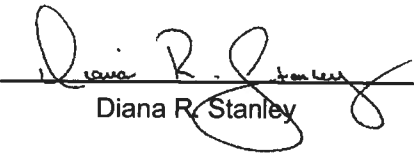


CITY CLERK MEMORANDUM
14-62

DATE: September 5, 2014
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: Diana R. Stanley, City Clerk
SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 AGENDA ADDITION-PROCLAMATION

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem D. Jane Miller, attached please find a proclamation designating Sunday, September 14, 2014 as "The Bicentennial of *The Star-Spangled Banner*."

The agenda for the September 8, 2014 will need to be amended to include this addition under "Proclamations and Public Recognitions."



Diana R. Stanley

Attachments

cc: Mark S. Watson, City Manager
Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 14, 2014 will mark the 200th Anniversary of Francis Scott Key's "The Star-Spangled Banner;" and

WHEREAS, Mary Pickersgill was contracted in the summer of 1813 to sew two flags for Fort McHenry, Maryland, one of which was a 30' x 42' garrison flag that would become known as the Star-Spangled Banner; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the sight of the Star-Spangled Banner that was hoisted at Fort McHenry on the morning of September 14, 1814 following victory by the United States after a twenty-five hour British bombardment as part of the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key penned the beginnings of a national treasure; and

WHEREAS, following completion of the verses, "The Star-Spangled Banner" began its circulation throughout the country becoming the nation's best-loved patriotic song during the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, by the late 1890s, "The Star-Spangled Banner" was adopted by the military for ceremonial purposes of the raising and lowering of the colors; and

WHEREAS, President Herbert Hoover signed a law on March 3, 1931 adopting "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the National Anthem of the United State of America; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge is proud to recognize this significant milestone for the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, that Sunday, September 14, 2014, be proclaimed

THE BICENTENNIAL OF "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

in the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner" (National Anthem of the United States of America) written by Francis Scott Key.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Oak Ridge to be affixed this the 8th day of September in the year 2014.

**THOMAS L. BEEHAN
MAYOR**