

MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
September 9, 2014—7:30 pm

ADDENDUM to regular session

1. Presentation of proclamation regarding Constitution Week 2014.
(2 mins)
2. Presentation of proclamation regarding Suicide Prevention Awareness
Month 2014. (2 mins)



City Council Agenda Summary

Meeting Date: September 9, 2014

Item No: Addendum

Department: City Council

Issue: Presentation of proclamation regarding Constitution Week 2014.

Summary: Representatives from the DAR will be present to accept the proclamation.

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: Presentation only



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is of the greatest importance that all citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to support it, preserve it and defend it against encroachment; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides an historic opportunity for all Americans to learn about and recall achievements of our Founders, and to reflect on the rights and privileges of citizenship, as well as its attendant responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the independence guaranteed to the American people by the Constitution should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities during Constitution Week, September 17 through 23, as designated by proclamation of the President of the United States of America in accordance with Public Law 915; and

WHEREAS, the **Patrick Henry Chapter** and the **General Joseph Martin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** desire that this occasion be recognized by the citizens of Martinsville; now, therefore,

I, Kim E. Adkins, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the week of **September 17-23, 2014**, as **CONSTITUTION WEEK** in the City and urge all our citizens to pay special attention during that week to our Federal Constitution and the advantage of American citizenship.

Kim Adkins
Mayor



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SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 13.3 minutes and with as many as 39,518 deaths by suicide in our country during one year;

WHEREAS, in our country, suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds, and is the 10th leading cause of death for people of all ages;

WHEREAS, each person's death by suicide intimately affects at least six other people, with over 200,000 newly bereaved each year;

WHEREAS, many of those people who died never received effective behavioral health services, for many reasons including the stigma of using behavioral health treatment and the stigma associated with losing a loved one to suicide;

WHEREAS, far too many residents of the City of Martinsville die by suicide each year, and most of these deaths are preventable;

WHEREAS, CONTACT Listen Line has served the City of Martinsville 24 hours a day, 7 days a week since 1972 with highly trained, compassionate volunteers trained to effectively intervene with someone contemplating suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by CONTACT Listen Line and for the suicide prevention work throughout the City of Martinsville,

BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Kim Adkins, Mayor, do hereby designate September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the City of Martinsville and urge residents to learn how they can help because Suicide Prevention is everyone's business.

Kim Adkins
Mayor