

PROCLAMATION

Disability Awareness Month

April 2014

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience full in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services; and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Leesburg include providing individuals with disabilities the opportunities and support to make informed choices and decisions; live in homes and communities where such individuals can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; pursue meaningful and productive lives; contribute to their family, community, State and Nation; have interdependent friendships and relationships with others; and achieve full inclusion in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia proclaim April 2014 as Disability Awareness Month and urge all citizens to recognize that breaking down barriers and negative attitudes will allow all community members to lead the fullest, most productive lives possible.

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ARBOR DAY April 25, 2014

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day should be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this special day, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trees provide many benefits to our community, such as reducing the erosion of topsoil, moderating temperatures, reducing heating and cooling costs, cleaning the air and water, and they also produce oxygen and provide a habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, planting trees and maintaining mature trees in our Town increases property values, enhances the economic vitality of local businesses, and beautifies our community, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Leesburg is recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for twenty-five consecutive years and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby proclaim April 25, 2014 as the official Arbor Day of the Town of Leesburg for 2014.

PASSED this 22th day of April, 2014.

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National Library Week 2014

Lives change @ your library

WHEREAS, libraries help lives change in their communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS; librarians work to meet the changing needs of their communities, including providing resources for everyone and bringing services outside of library walls; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians bring together community members to enrich and shape their communities and address local issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals providing technology training and access to electronic resources; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer programs to meet community needs, providing residents with lectures and tours of historical interest and classes and seminars on local and genealogical research; and

WHEREAS, libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, library volunteers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia proclaim National Library Week, April 13-19, 2014. We encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at your library. Lives change @ your library.

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National Day of Prayer

May 1, 2014

WHEREAS, in 1852 the United States Congress established an annual Day of Prayer;
and

WHEREAS, that law was amended in 1988 to designate the first Thursday in May as
the National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, people in Towns and Cities across America observe the annual National
Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, this is a time for citizens of all faiths to join together to pray for our
national, state, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "One Voice, United in Prayer" will be highlighted; and

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby
proclaim May 1, 2014 as National Day of Prayer in the Town of Leesburg .

PROCLAIMED this 22nd _ day of April, 2014.

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