

PROCLAMATION

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15, 2016

WHEREAS, September 15 through October 15, commemorating the anniversary of independence for seven Latin American countries, is designated by the Federal government as a time to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanics in this Country; and

WHEREAS, our country draws its strength from the contributions of a diverse people; and

WHEREAS, this month's theme, "Honoring our Heritage, Building our Future", reminds us of all the ways Hispanics have enriched our community, shaped our character and will continue to do so into the future; and

WHEREAS, Leesburg's Hispanic community continues to make significant cultural and economic contributions to our Town; and

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2016 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and preserving the contributions made by Hispanic Americans.

PROCLAIMED this 13th day of September 2016.

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Constitution Week

September 17-23, 2016

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2016 marks the two hundred twenty-ninth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition of this magnificent document and this memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week: and

WHEREAS, the tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started many years ago by the Nations Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). In 1955 the Daughters petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually for the observance of Constitution Week. Congress later adopted a resolution to do so and Public Law 915 was signed into law on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

THEREFORE PROCLAIMED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the week of September 17 through 23 is **CONSTITUTION WEEK** in the Town of Leesburg and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

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BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September 2016

LYMPHOMA AWARENESS DAY

September 15, 2016

WHEREAS, Lymphoma is the most common form of blood cancer and the third most common cancer of childhood; and

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 new cases of lymphoma are diagnosed each year in the United States, including 1,900 in the State of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a cure for lymphoma can only be realized through advanced cancer research; and

WHEREAS, awareness and education are powerful tools in the race to find a cure for lymphoma; and

WHEREAS, the health and vitality of the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia are significantly enhanced by local efforts to increase communication and education pertaining to blood cancers; and

WHEREAS, the Lymphoma Research Foundation offers a wide range of support services and programs for people with lymphoma, their loved ones and caregivers.

WHEREAS, Lymphoma Awareness Day helps to raise general awareness of the disease and provides hope to all those affected by a lymphoma diagnosis; and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month and September 15, 2016 is Lymphoma Awareness Day in the Town of Leesburg and all citizens are urged to support the efforts to find a cure for these diseases and to offer support to those who have been affected by them.

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