

THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

Policy Title: Proclamation Policy **Policy #** 0630

Policy Statement:

It is the policy of Council not to participate in national, provincial, or regional proclamation programs.

Policy Background:

The social and cultural value of organizations and events pursuing objectives that benefit the community are often recognized by the proclamation intended to focus the attention of the community on such events and organizations.

Council supports the recognition of organizations and events that add value to the quality of life in Montrose by way of such proclamations.

When Human Rights Tribunals and Law Courts in British Columbia and Ontario ruled that a municipal council could not use its discretion to endorse, or declining to endorse, requests for proclamations, the purpose and meaning of such proclamation became an administrative routine and thus lost their original value.

Policy Goal:

It is the goal of this policy to lend political support to community organizations and causes within the discretionary authority of Council.

Policy Objectives:

1. To decline all invitations and requests for the proclamation of causes.
2. To lend political support to community causes, organizations, and events by means other than proclamations.

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