

# Free Community Paper Month July

(Model Resolution or Proclamation)

WHEREAS, "Our liberty cannot be guarded but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without danger of losing it" (Thomas Jefferson to John Jay, 1786); and

WHEREAS, the publishing industry of free community papers and newspapers, made up of both small and large organizations, is an important element in local communities throughout this nation. Collectively, these publications disseminate valuable information to more than 50 million homes each week. These hometown publications are the original and enduring hyper local medium, carrying the torch of democracy as the town crier, fixed in print and shared with neighbors free of charge; and

WHEREAS, free community papers proudly serve the information needs of their communities across this great land, while promoting local commerce, free enterprise and public service. It is fitting that recognition be given to this special effort to salute these publication, their owners and staff for the continued contributions to the growth and success of local communities through their publications.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (insert name), serving as (insert title) of (insert city/state), do hereby proclaim July, 2017 as Free Community Paper Month.

I encourage all our citizens that we observe this month by taking time to read, recognize and acknowledge the importance of free community papers.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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