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Staff Report

ITEM

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To: Lemoore City Council
From: Darrell Smith, Chief of Police 
Date: March 18, 2014
Subject: Memorial Walk, LGBT Youth (May 22, 2014)

Discussion:

Kevin Gillespie, Hospital Security Office for Lemoore Naval Air Station is requesting permission to conduct a memorial walk and candlelight vigil on Thursday, May 22, 2014 to pay tribute to those Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) youth in the community that have committed suicide. The event will start at Lemoore City Park #1 at 1900 hours where the group of 75 (estimated attendance) will begin their walk north on Fox Street and east on D Street to the Lemoore "D" Street Plaza. A candlelight vigil and speaking presentation will conclude the ceremony.

The event is estimated to last approximately 90 minutes from start to finish. This date was chosen because May 22nd is also the birth date of Harvey Milk, a gay rights activist who became the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in California when he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Milk was assassinated on November 27, 1978.

Budget Impact:

The Lemoore Police Department VIP'S will monitor and provide traffic control for the event as deemed necessary. The event will have little to no significant impact on traffic flow and there is no fiscal impact to the City.

Recommendation:

That the Council, by motion, approve the LGBT Memorial Walk and Candlelight Vigil for May 22, 2014.