

PROCLAMATION

- A well-informed citizenry is a cornerstone of democracy.
- An informed citizenry depends on an objective, responsible and unrestrained press, which provides greater access to accurate information, more points of view and greater diversity of thought and fact.
- The trend toward the consolidation of media ownership has resulted in journalistic practices that hinder public awareness by excluding or marginalizing minority and dissenting viewpoints.
- Fewer media voices can result in homogenized messaging and the silencing of many points of view.
- Democratic principles support the case for more independent media in this country, not less.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council and Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17-23, 2019 as

“INDEPENDENT MEDIA WEEK”

and encourage all Ashland citizens to seek out and explore the rich diversity of independent media available within, and to our community.

Signed this 2nd day of April, 2019.

John Stromberg, Mayor

Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder