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Chowchilla City Council Votes to Display, “In God We Trust” at City Hall

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The Chowchilla City Council joined with 632 other counties and cities across America by unanimously voting to display the National Motto: “In God We Trust,” in a prominent location in the Chowchilla Council Chambers. At its November 15 City Council meeting, the Council directed staff to bring back a design, location in the Council Chambers for placement, and cost estimate for displaying the motto.

Waseem Ahmed, Mayor of Chowchilla, expressed that, “We proudly stand behind this patriotic statement so valued by our country. As our nation faces difficult times, as it has in the past, we can draw strength in the knowledge that “In God We Trust” has carried us forward to create the great nation that we are today. And by having this motto proudly displayed in the Chowchilla Council Chambers, we apply that same patriotic fervor into all that we do for our city.”

The history of our national motto draws back in time to the War of 1812. As the young 35 year old lawyer Francis Scott Key stood on the deck of a British war ship during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, he spied the American flag still standing through the worst that the Royal Navy could throw at it. In that moment, he penned the “Defence of Fort M’Henry”, which we sing today as the Star Spangled Banner. In the fourth stanza of that poem is the line, “Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, and this be our motto: “In God is our trust.”

The Chowchilla City Council will vote in December on the preferred placement of this motto.

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