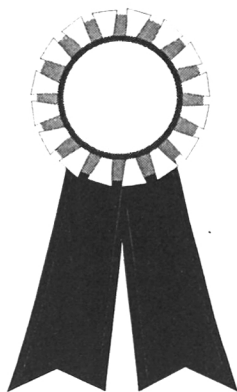


Proclamations

For

Professionals



- A book to make our job a little easier.

INTRODUCTION

Whereas, many times we're asked to create a proclamation at the drop of a hat; and

Whereas, many of us have too many duties to take the time to sit down and try to find "just the right words;" and

Whereas, that is where Proclamations for Professionals comes in; and

Whereas, Proclamations for Professionals is designed to give you the help you need to create that proclamation; and

Whereas, the Proclamations for Professionals book is just the tip of the iceberg realizing the number of proclamations being requested; however, with 26 categories, this book will surely save you time, stress and frustration; and

Whereas, Proclamations for Professionals contains over 180 pages, packed with 325 topics, many with two or more samples from which to choose; and

Whereas, just find the appropriate category, and if you cannot find the exact proclamation you are looking for, find a similar one, insert some specific language, stick a ribbon and seal on it and you're good to go; and

Whereas, Proclamations for Professionals is a book that you will want to keep close by and use over and over again for many years to come;

Now, therefore ... urge you to thumb through Proclamations for Professionals and prepare the perfect proclamation from the professional that you are.

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BUSINESS

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Bakers Week

Whereas, the baking industry affects the lives in our community; offers fine employment and career opportunities for our youth; exemplifies successful small business in action, positively affecting our local economy; and is a valuable community resource on nutrition, baking, and food preparation; and

Whereas, many organizations work to focus public attention on retail bakers – as artists, nutritionists, tradesmen, public servants, and successful business people;

Now, therefore ... urge our residents to recognize the importance of bakers in our community.

Business Women's Week

Whereas, since 1928 the National Federation of Business and Professional Women has grown not only in membership but also in its resolve to promote full participation, equality, and economic self sufficiency for all working women; and

Whereas, women constitute millions of the nation's work force and are constantly striving to serve their communities, their states, and the nation in civic and cultural programs; and

Whereas, the major goals of business and professional women are to help create better conditions for business women through the study of social, educational, economic, and political problems; to help them be of greater service to their communities; and to further friendship with women throughout the world; and

Whereas, we are all proud of their leadership in these many fields;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to be cognizant of the many contributions of the business and professional women who comprise such a large part of the working force in our community.

Cable Television Month

Whereas, our nation and this community have been enriched by the wide variety of educational, informational and entertainment programs offered by the cable television medium; and

Whereas, the full enjoyment of these benefits is made possible for our community through the services of our local cable television company;

Now, therefore ... recognize the outstanding quality, quantity and diversity of cable's unique programming.

Chamber of Commerce Day

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce is a community organization consisting of businesses and professionals whose purpose is to advance commercial, industrial and civic development and to encourage the economic and social progress of our community for the benefit of all citizens; and

Whereas, our local Chamber has been instrumental in the creation of job opportunities and the expansion of the local tax base through its efforts to recruit new business and industry to the area; and

Whereas, our local Chamber has served as the catalyst in the attraction of visitors and conventions to our area;

Now, therefore ... recognize the contributions made by our local Chamber of Commerce to our economy, businesses and quality of life.

Consumers Week

Whereas, because ours is a free society, nowhere else in the world is there a wider variety of goods and services from which to choose, thanks to an open marketplace and the freedom to produce and purchase; and

Whereas, the regulatory reform of recent years is spawning innovation and reinvigorated competition giving buyers both a new opportunity and a new responsibility to make informed decisions about the quality and value of products and services offered for sale; and

Whereas, to make responsible decisions in our dynamic and abundant economy, consumers need both information and education if they are to reap the full benefits of the marketplace; and

Whereas, American businessmen and women are becoming aware that the broadened competition of a global marketplace necessitates attention to quality if they are to succeed; and

Whereas, quality demands efficient management, productive use of human resources, and responsiveness to consumer needs and preferences;

Now, therefore ... urge businesses, educators, community organizations, labor unions, news media, government leaders, and consumers to recognize the pursuit of quality and excellence in every aspect of our lives.

Credit Union Day

Whereas, credit unions are non-profit, independent financial cooperatives owned by their members who pool small quantities of personal financial resources by those members wishing to invest savings in a joint venture that will bring a fair return to all who belong, while at the same time providing capital for other members who may, at one time or another, wish to borrow for productive and providential purposes; and

Whereas, there are thousands of credit unions in the United States;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to observe this day with appropriate activities.

Financial Fitness Week

Whereas, more families own life insurance than any other form of personal protection; and

Whereas, life insurance underwriting is the process of identifying risks and offering solutions which protect and enhance the financial lives of individuals and businesses using life and health insurance and other closely related financial products; and

Whereas, life insurance renders a great service by carrying policyholder dollars back to our community, where they aid all segments of the economy; and

Whereas, all persons can benefit by professional financial advice and informed decisions about life insurance;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to become informed about the many and varied aspects of life insurance and life underwriting.

Whereas, a primary objective of all Americans is to achieve financial independence, through hard work and sound, thoughtful saving and investing; to provide a level of comfort and security for their families; to secure the finest educational experiences for their children; and to maintain a standard of living which enables them to enjoy the basic freedoms of life upon which our great country was founded; and

Whereas, consumer education on personal financial issues and concerns is critical to work toward the elimination of poverty and welfare dependence; to create family financial stability; to develop practical savings and investment habits; and hence, secure a feasible level of financial independence; and

Whereas, there is a growing need for professional financial advice to educate consumers about prudent alternatives to save and invest, and on how to make wise financial decisions; and

Whereas, organizations representing segments of the financial services industry play a critical role nationwide in assisting an ever-increasing and ever-sophisticated number of Americans who wish to reach their financial goals and objectives;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to pursue financial independence through sound planning and management of their individual situations.

Free Enterprise Day

Whereas, Future Business Leaders of America is a national organization consisting of high school students enrolled in business and office educational classes; and

Whereas, their main purpose is to promote leadership, scholarship, understanding of the free enterprise system, and school loyalty;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to recognize this day with appropriate activities.

Goodwill Week

Whereas, Goodwill Industries International was founded by Reverend Edgar J. Helms, a Methodist minister, in Boston in 1902 and introduced the system of self-help for which Goodwill Industries would become widely recognized; and

Whereas, the continuing mission of Goodwill Industries is to provide innovative education and workplace training to individuals seeking personal development and economic opportunity;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to commend Goodwill Industries for playing an important role in our community.

Hospice Month

Whereas, Mountain Area Hospice provides care and comfort to terminally ill patients and their families through our county; and

Whereas, Mountain Area Hospice began in 1978 and has grown to an organization of over hundreds of volunteers and staff members providing medical and emotional care for patients and their families; and

Whereas, "The Festival of Trees" is Mountain Area Hospice's major fundraiser;

Now, therefore ... encourage the citizens of our community to support Mountain Area Hospice and their efforts to provide care and comfort to terminally ill patients.

Whereas, hospice care provides patients and families with highest quality pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, most often delivered in the home, allowing patients to live fully up until the final moments, surrounded and supported by loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

Whereas, professional and compassionate hospice staff and trained volunteers – including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aids, and clergy – provide comprehensive care making the wishes of each patient a priority; and

Whereas, family members and loved ones receive counseling and bereavement care to help them cope with the many losses they face during the illness and with the grief they experience afterwards; and

Whereas, providing high-quality hospice care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care; and

Whereas, caring for patients at the end of life can be emotionally painful, physically exhausting, and financially difficult and Hospice Month recognizes those who serve in our nation's hospices, often as caregivers in the patients' homes;

Now, therefore ... encourage citizens to increase their awareness of the importance and availability of hospice services and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

Industry Appreciation Day

Whereas, existing industries contribute significantly to the local quality of life through corporate and employee community service; and

Whereas, existing industries support community charitable, social, civic, and cultural organizations with no recognition expected; and

Whereas, existing industries are becoming an integral component in an improved education system; and

Whereas, existing industries provide the foundation for a strong, diversified economic base;

Now, therefore ... extend our appreciation to our industries for their presence and contributions to the community.

Management Week

Whereas, the National Management Association is a professional non-profit organization dedicated to improving management quality through fellowship and education; and

Whereas, our diverse economy combines business and industry to provide our citizens with a strong and progressive society; and

Whereas, individuals with various skills share their knowledge and talents to make this system successful, including the many men and women employed in management; and

Whereas, managers contribute their time and effort to increase productivity and maintain the high quality of our goods and services that makes our community remain competitive in both domestic and world markets;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to applaud the success of our managers and the important contributions they make to our state and national economy.

Mediation Center Week

Whereas, the Mediation Center's service to the community has been a valuable resource; and

Whereas, the Mediation Center has made it possible for parties to resolve disputes outside the court system; and

Whereas, the Center provides services to the school system and to other youth in the area; and

Whereas, the lives of families are positively influenced by the services offered; and

Whereas, the volunteers and staff have a positive influence on the resolution of disputes;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to voice their appreciation to this group for their work in enhancing the quality of life in our community.

Nursing Home Week

Whereas, a nursing home is an asset which helps the community honor its commitment to provide for the health care needs of citizens of all ages; and

Whereas, as a business and professional citizen, a nursing home makes important contributions to the overall life of the community and is closely identified with it; and

Whereas, community awareness of its function and active citizen volunteer involvement in its daily operations are essential to the success of a nursing home in providing medical and social needs balanced for the optimum benefit of each patient; and

Whereas, increased awareness of the role of a nursing home plays in the community promotes greater understanding and helps create a stronger community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize that personal involvement builds not only stronger citizens but also greater communities.

Whereas, interest in and understanding of the long-term care delivery system has become increasingly important due to the growing number of elderly and disabled Americans; and

Whereas, the reform of America's health care system was a major issue for nursing facility residents, their families, and staff; and

Whereas, the goal of long-term care providers is to ensure that nursing facility residents reach their maximum physical, mental and psychosocial potential;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to support the quality of life in nursing facilities by visiting the residents of these facilities, and by learning more about long term care in this community and across the nation.

Productivity Improvement Week

Whereas, many generations of American citizens have worked diligently to bring our standard of living to a level of sufficiency now generally available; and

Whereas, continued high inflation is a major threat to our better way of life; and

Whereas, control of inflation depends to a large degree on a rate of productivity increase for goods and services which offsets the total cost of production; and

Whereas, an understanding of the close correlation between inflation and productivity can help promote a unified effort by everyone toward improved productivity;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to observe this period as a time to pledge continued commitment to this goal of excellence in all our economic endeavors.

Red Cross Month

Whereas, Red Cross has been engaged in preventing and alleviating human suffering around the world and is there to provide for basic needs including food, shelter and clothing; and

Whereas, the ability of the Red Cross to touch millions of lives is based on the millions of gifts to the Red Cross; and

Whereas, the Red Cross is a reflection of generosity, caring, compassion and selflessness;

Now, therefore ... encourage all residents to support the Red Cross and volunteer their time or financial donations to Red Cross programs across the world or across the street.

Small Business Week

Whereas, the greatness of our community, state and ultimately our nation is attributed to freedom of choice and competition – the basic elements of our free enterprise system; and

Whereas, it has been established that small business provides more new jobs than any other sector of the economy; and

Whereas, the small business owners of our community are the risk-takers who have invested their knowledge, energy and personal assets in a variety of independent business careers, and in doing so, they have created employment opportunities for others while reaping the rewards of their independence; and

Whereas, the small business owners of our community work hard in the marketplace to provide quality goods and services, and this, in turn, evokes the confidence of the consumers who respond in a fashion which keeps the economy healthy and vital;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize and commend the efforts of our small businessmen and women in preserving the freedom, initiative and stability of our economy.

Tourism Week

Whereas, the tourism industry is extremely important to our community, contributing to our employment, economic prosperity, and international trade, peace, understanding and goodwill; and

Whereas, each of us benefits from the effects of tourism as it substantially enhances our personal growth and education; and

Whereas, tourism also promotes intercultural understanding and appreciation of the geography, history and people of our community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the significance of the tourism industry to the enhancement of trade, peace, understanding and goodwill to our community.

CLUBS

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- **Boy Scout Week**
- **Boys Club Month**
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- **Eagle Scout Award**
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- **Lions Club Week**
- **Little League Baseball**
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- **Shriners Week**
- **Sister City Month**
- **The Boys Choir of Harlem Day**
- **The Men's Garden Clubs of America**
- **Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Week**

Big Brothers and Sisters Appreciation Week

Whereas, Big Brothers and Sisters, a United Way agency, has offered children from single-parent families the opportunity for growth and development through individual friendship with responsible men and women; and

Whereas, Big Brothers and Sisters has been successful in strengthening family life, reducing juvenile crime and delinquency, and bringing immeasurable happiness to children who are assisted by the program; and

Whereas, individuals enrolled in the program as Big Brothers and Sisters are volunteers who share a common desire to help a child through the establishment of a one-to-one friendship; and

Whereas, Big Brothers and Sisters has received widespread recognition for its conspicuous service to young people and their parents;

Now, therefore ... extend their greatest appreciation to Big Brothers and Sisters, its staff, and its volunteers, for providing invaluable assistance to young people in the community.

Boy Scout Week

Whereas, Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910, and has grown to be a vital force in the development of our youth through its many programs which encourage the ability of its members to do things for themselves and others; and

Whereas, Boy Scouts of America serves many thousands of people through a wide variety of activities designed to complement and implement the youth programs offered by churches, civic organizations, and public schools; and

Whereas, one of the major objectives in the Scouting program is to develop citizenship through community involvement, and in addition to working for citizenship merit badges, Scouts are actively involved in numerous community service projects; and

Whereas, Scouting provides a combination of intellectual, physical and spiritual activity to produce young people of character, well-prepared to meet their family and community responsibilities;

Now, therefore ... commend the dedicated volunteer Scout leaders and institutions assisting the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Explorer programs for the benefit of the youth in our community.

Boys Club Month

Whereas, our citizens are proud of the vital work that the Boys Club is providing to the youth of our community; and

Whereas, the Boys Club is open when our youth need professional adult leadership, guidance, and programs that reach out; and

Whereas, the Boys Club provides young people with the connections they need to succeed; and

Whereas, these men and boys will go on to become responsible citizens and leaders in their homes and communities; and

Whereas, the Boys Club offers our young men a chance to make friends, go places, and most important of all, learn the things which will make them happy, productive citizens;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to support our local Boys Club and honor its members for their contributions to the betterment of life in our community.

Boys and Girls Club Week

Whereas, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America provide services to millions of young people annually; and

Whereas, many such young people need professional youth services to help them cope with a wide range of social and financial hardships; and

Whereas, the Boys and Girls Club organization in our community helps ensure that our young people keep off the streets by offering them a safe and supportive place to go and providing them with quality programs; and

Whereas, the Boys and Girls Club is dedicated to developing within our youth a sense of belonging, leadership, self-esteem and responsibility through its six core

program areas including citizenship, leadership, cultural enrichments, physical education, and outdoor environmental education;

Now, therefore ... recognize and commend the Boys and Girls Club organization for providing comprehensive, effective services to the young people in our community.

Chess Club

Whereas, the game of chess has enjoyed increasing popularity in our community; and

Whereas, our local chess club offers weekly meetings for chess enthusiasts of all ages and abilities;

Now, therefore ... recognize our local Chess Club.

Civitan Awareness Week

Whereas, Civitans are committed to meeting human needs through human involvement while providing each Civitan with experiences essential to personal development; and

Whereas, Civitans offer members opportunities for personal and professional development while providing meaningful and rewarding community involvement; and

Whereas, Civitans stress the importance of good citizenship and challenge us all to think of citizenship as both a privilege and a responsibility; and

Whereas, Civitans are recognized for their support of research and treatment of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities through their commitment to the Civitan International Research Center and other international and local projects;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to actively support and take pride in the worthwhile efforts of this international service club organization and in the work of the Civitans in our community.

Eagle Scout Award

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America is a vital force in the development of our youth through its many programs which encourage the ability of its members to do things for themselves and especially for others; and

Whereas, one of the major objectives in the Scouting program is to develop citizenship through community involvement, and in addition to working for citizenship merit badges, Scouts are encouraged to participate in community service projects; and

Whereas, ____ is a member of Troop ____ and has not only proven himself to be an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America, but has attained the highest honor bestowed on a Scout – the Eagle Scout Award; and

Whereas, the Eagle Scout Award is a distinction that will follow him throughout life and will be a beacon to others of the leadership quality and commitment this young man has shown;

Now, therefore ... recognize ____ as worthy of this highest honor and encourage him to continue his commitment to excellence.

Friendship Force International Day

Whereas, President Carter and Wayne Smith announced the formation of Friendship Force International on March 1, 1977; and

Whereas, Friendship Force is an international organization to promote world peace; and

Whereas, Friendship Force International believes that "a world of friends is a world of peace;"

Now, therefore ... encourage all citizens to recognize Friendship Force International for promoting world peace through friendship.

Girl Scout Week

Whereas, Girl Scouts of America is a vital organization for girls who are growing up, enabling them to develop self-esteem and leadership skills, and providing an atmosphere for friendship; and

Whereas, the Girl Scout program not only reflects the enduring values and standards that have been part of the organization since 1912, but also lends itself to the special and unique situation of girls in the new millennium; and

Whereas, Girl Scouts of America, through continuous programs and troop meetings for girls of all ages, provides members with a bridge to the future by developing good citizenship, teaching important skills, encouraging career exploration and increasing world understanding;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to support in every way the activities and endeavors of Girl Scouts.

Whereas, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouts of America – the pre-eminent organization for girls – has inspired millions of girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism; and

Whereas, Girl Scouting will lead businesses and communities to teach girls the skills needed to take active roles in math, science and technology careers and to fulfill our country's economic needs; and

Whereas, through Girl Scouting, every girl, everywhere grows strong, gains self-confidence and skills for success, and learns her duty to the world around her;

Now, therefore ... recognize these very special young ladies.

Jaycee Week

Whereas, Jaycees have been a vital part of the development of young leaders for our community; and

Whereas, Jaycees have contributed to the betterment of this community through its involvement in many programs and other human service and community fund-raising projects;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to give full regard to the past and continuing service of our community's Jaycees.

Kiwanis Club Day

Whereas, the Kiwanis Club has worked diligently on behalf of local charitable causes and contributed significant amounts of money to local benevolences and community causes; and

Whereas, the Kiwanis Club has initiated and supported many projects in our community; and

Whereas, the members of our Kiwanis Club have given of themselves in community and civic service on a volunteer basis through service on various boards and commissions, with non-profit agencies, youth groups, and other charitable organizations;

Now, therefore ... urge the citizens of our community to join in the observance of this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Lions Club Week

Whereas, Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world with over a million members serving; and

Whereas, a primary service mission of Lions Club members is to eradicate preventable blindness worldwide; and

Whereas, diabetic eye disease and glaucoma are leading causes of blindness in the United States; and

Whereas, early detection and timely treatment of diabetic eye disease and glaucoma can help reduce the incidence of needless loss of sight;

Now, therefore ... salute our local Lions Club for its effort to educate the public about the importance of seeking comprehensive eye examinations through dilated pupils.

Little League Baseball

Whereas, Little League volunteers give freely of their time and energy in their efforts to promote Little League activities in our area; and

Whereas, Little League baseball is a program of service to the youth of our community, dedicated to teaching sportsmanship and the competitive will to win, as well as furthering physical fitness and well-being through healthful association with our youngsters under proper leadership; and

Whereas, players, managers, coaches, officials, parents, umpires, and countless others work together in an atmosphere of wholesome community activity to provide valuable training for the participants and entertainment for the spectators; and

Whereas, it is fitting that we recognize the adults who give so freely of their time and energy, and whose only reward is the satisfaction of providing young people the opportunity to enjoy baseball and to learn the basic ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship; and it is also fitting that we commend the young athletes who are developing their potential in so many ways by participating in this program;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to be cognizant of the importance of Little League baseball in the development of our youth.

Rotary International

Whereas, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

Whereas, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

Whereas, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

Whereas, Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants;

Now, therefore ... encourage all citizens to recognize Rotary International for improving the human condition in local communities around the world.

Shriners Week

Whereas, Shriners Hospitals have rendered professional care to millions of children at their 19 orthopedic hospitals, treating scoliosis, brittle bone disease, hand and back problems, limb deficiencies and growth problems; and

Whereas, three Shriners Burn Institutes, the first burn hospitals in America dedicated solely to the treatment of children, are internationally recognized as pioneers in burn treatment, and

Whereas, these magnificent services have helped make it possible for hundreds of thousands of children to live a happier and more productive life; and

Whereas, such treatments have always been rendered free of charge to the patient and the family of the patient, and the marvelous technical breakthroughs and discoveries accruing from such treatments and extensive research have been shared freely with medical professionals throughout the world; and

Whereas, Shriners Hospitals render child-care services voluntarily, placing no burden whatsoever on federal, state or local funding accounts, the entirety of such services being defrayed by Shriners and support from the general public;

Now, therefore ... recognize and salute the Shriners who have demonstrated themselves in a righteous and honorable manner.

Sister City Month

Whereas, Sister Cities International was launched at the White House in 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower called for massive exchanges between the United States of America and people of other lands; and

Whereas, the Sister Cities Program helps to further international understanding at all levels of the community on a continuing and long-term basis and helps citizens of paired communities become directly involved in international relations in unique and rewarding exchanges which will benefit everyone; and

Whereas, the Sister Cities Program, within the paired cities, exchanges people, ideas and culture in a variety of educational, professional and technical programs; and

Whereas, through political, social and cultural exchanges, volunteer development, international art exhibits, newspapers and youth exchanges, business apprenticeships, federal grant monies and local fundraising, our Sister Cities Program has become a significant presence in our community;

Now, therefore ... call upon our residents in saluting our Sister Cities Program for offering the people of our region many opportunities.

The Boys Choir of Harlem Day

Whereas, The Boys Choir of Harlem was founded in 1968; and

Whereas, the Choir provides hundreds of inner-city children a welcome opportunity to realize their creative potential – now and throughout their lives; and

Whereas, the Choir participates in secondary schools, and they are the basis of the Choir's vocal power and musical versatility; and

Whereas, the Choir is a testament to discipline, high standards and commitment;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the importance that The Boys Choir of Harlem makes on our youth.

The Men's Garden Clubs of America

Whereas, The Gardeners of America/The Men's Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA) promote gardening education and related environmental issues to its members and the gardening public through charitable, educational and scientific means; and

Whereas, the objectives of this organization are to research, develop, and publicize new and improved gardening techniques, and beautify its home town via planting and maintaining garden projects; and

Whereas, our community is dedicated to making our community one of beauty through the planting of flowers, shrubs and trees in our parks and public areas;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to participate by planting new trees, flowers and shrubs.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Week

Whereas, vocational courses should be available to students without regard to race, sex, national origin or handicap; and

Whereas, teaching transferable and thinking skills is important in preparing students to adapt to a changing work environment; and

Whereas, vocational instruction should provide opportunities for students to apply communication, computational skills, and other general education skills to specific occupational areas; and

Whereas, all students in vocational education should have an opportunity to develop and extend their learnings through participation in active vocational student organizations;

Now, therefore ... ask our citizens to support the vocational education programs in our school system and the participation of students in the vocational education student organizations.

DRUGS

- **Alcohol Awareness Month**
- **Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Day**
- **Drug Awareness Month**
- **Drunk Driving Awareness Week**
- **Substance Abuse Awareness Month**

Alcohol Awareness Month

Whereas, the legal drinking age in the United States of America is 21; and

Whereas, the nation's student councils have identified alcohol as their schools' most serious problem; and

Whereas, drinking has a negative effect on the academic performance of students; and

Whereas, underage drinkers are at greatest risk for alcohol poisoning; and

Whereas, alcohol use among junior high school students is increasing; and

Whereas, enforcement of the legal drinking age is an adult responsibility;

Now, therefore ... call upon all citizens, parents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in our community to help raise awareness about the critical public health issue of underage drinking.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Day

Whereas, across America, law enforcement officers, volunteers, parents, and teachers are helping to send a message to our nation's youth about illegal drugs and violence through the D.A.R.E. Program; and

Whereas, our community expresses its gratitude for the important work of these individuals and reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that every child has an opportunity for a bright and hopeful future; and

Whereas, D.A.R.E. programs have taught our nation's young people about illegal drug use and encourage them to lead productive, drug free, and violence free lives;

Now, therefore ... call upon our community to help fight drugs in our communities, and urge our citizens to show their appreciation for the law enforcement officers, volunteers, teachers, health care professionals, and all those who dedicate themselves to helping children avoid drugs and violence.

Drug Awareness Month

Whereas, drug abuse has a negative impact on the community's well-being and therefore is a serious concern to all responsible citizens; and

Whereas, a faithful commitment of all residents is necessary to eliminate drug abuse in our community; and

Whereas, through education, understanding, and community and individual action can the elimination of drug abuse be achieved;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens, parents, government agencies, public and private institutions, hospitals, businesses, social and civic groups and schools to do their part to bringing about an increased level of awareness of the problem of drug abuse in our community and to adopt and implement effective counter-measures to drug abuse.

Whereas, the presence of drugs and narcotics in our society has resulted in innumerable problems of human, community, social and economic dimensions; and

Whereas, the consequences of drug-related problems are witnessed in the loss of human lives, the loss of economic productivity, and the diversion of public resources to address these problems on all fronts; and

Whereas, the dissolution of the family, an inadequate education system, poverty, unemployment and greed all contribute to illegal drug use; and

Whereas, the demand for illegal drugs is a pervasive problem that affects all segments of our society, including professional and affluent people; and

Whereas, illegal drugs plague urban, suburban and rural communities of all sizes and regions; and

Whereas, illegal drugs constitute a problem in our community and lead to a host of problems such as homicides, robberies, burglaries and other crimes, and domestic violence;

Now, therefore ... urge that community groups, schools, and business and civic organizations support and participate in special activities to draw community attention to this issue.

Whereas, "Enough is Enough" is a drug awareness effort designed to help our children walk drug free in a drug-filled world; and

Whereas, "Enough is Enough" campaign's goal includes motivating and uniting the community in the fight against drugs and increasing the awareness and effectiveness of existing drug prevention programs;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to take action based on the understanding that drug prevention is the responsibility of every individual, family, business, church and neighborhood and that all citizens must get involved in this campaign.

Drunk Driving Awareness Week

Whereas, Operation Eagle is a combined Driving While Impaired Enforcement Program involving the State Highway Patrol, Alcohol Law Enforcement and local law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, thousands of arrests have been made in the past years;

Now, therefore ... urge all the citizens of our community to spread the word that our City is committed to getting drunk drivers off the road and making our community a safe place for everyone.

Whereas, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has asked Americans to pledge not to drink and drive and to continue to fight drunk driving; and

Whereas, the real success depends on the efforts and pledges of millions of individual Americans; and

Whereas, we ask each citizen to make a conscious effort to intervene when someone you know attempts to get behind the wheel after drinking or taking drugs;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens not to drink and drive as they join our community to prevent drunk driving fatalities.

Substance Abuse Awareness Month

Whereas, our citizens are experiencing the tragic problems associated with addictive disorders, especially alcohol and other social-recreational drug addiction; and

Whereas, substance abuse affects all members of the community; and

Whereas, it is essential for us to promote and increase the awareness of our citizens, youth, parents and older adults, as it relates to the reality of addiction and the importance of treatment; and

Whereas, our community has a number of public and private treatment facilities that provide treatment for addictive disorders, including alcohol, tobacco and other drugs of addiction;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to become aware of the nature of the problem as well as opportunities to become part of the solution.

Whereas, our city recognizes that substance abuse causes pain and suffering among many; and

Whereas, concerned citizens, parents, children and youth, alcohol and drug professionals, law enforcement officers, businesses, governmental officials, school

officials, and other self-help resources are dedicated toward serving those citizens in need; and

Whereas, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse problems in many instances can be prevented in young people and adults through a concerted effort of awareness education and the encouragement of positive, healthy activities and role models;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to become informed of these efforts.

Whereas, substance abuse among our nation's youth is a serious and growing problem; and

Whereas, children today are using drugs at a younger age than ever before; and

Whereas, the "Just Say No" movement fosters drug-free lifestyles through positive peer pressure and constructive activities; and

Whereas, by expressing our support we can strengthen children's determination to remain drug free;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to support the strengthening of children's determination to remain drug free.

Whereas, drug abuse has grown to such an extent that it now threatens the progress, the quality of life, and the very security of this great nation; and

Whereas, the national war on drugs must be fought on all levels, on all fronts, and the battle in our cities will be a critical one because it is in our cities that the demand for illegal drugs must be halted; and

Whereas, a successful counterattack on drugs will require the active support of all the citizens of our cities;

Now, therefore ... call upon all citizens to participate in our goals of a drug free city and a drug free America.

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

- Education Awareness Week
- Foreign Exchange Program
- Literacy Month
- National Federation of State High School Association Directors Day
- Public Library Week
- Read Across America Day
- Stay in School Awareness Week
- Vocational Education Week

Education Awareness Week

Whereas, our community recognizes that quality education is essential to community well-being; and

Whereas, our community long ago established public school systems designed to provide the best possible learning facilities for their children and for succeeding generations thereof; and

Whereas, said public school systems, while maintaining their original purpose of teaching young people to read, write, and figure, have through the years broadened and enhanced their curricula in response to changing economic and social trends; and

Whereas, it is acknowledged in our community that quality education is not acquired in the classroom alone, but also by exposure to community cultural offerings and by instilling civic responsibility under school auspices; and

Whereas, our community looks to their public school systems to educate its sons and daughters and to provide a sound basis in preparation for adult life;

Now, therefore ... to be ever mindful that education is a dynamic entity and that its continued high quality depends on the concern and vigilance of every resident of our community.

Whereas, American public education serves as the foundation for a democratic society; and

Whereas, public education has been recognized as a fundamental good for well over a century; and

Whereas, public schools collectively remain one of our most vital institutions; and

Whereas, our schools continue to provide America with productive citizens; and

Whereas, public schools have enabled our diverse population to work and live together in a free society; and

Whereas, schools play a vital role in building the future – one student at a time;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to observe appropriate activities during this week.

Foreign Exchange Program

Whereas, in order to develop better international understanding and to promote the exchange of ideas and customs between American and foreign exchange high school students, the Council of International Education and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are sponsoring a Student Exchange Program from ___ to ___, at which time ___ High School is hosting foreign exchange students and one teacher from ___; and

Whereas, this exchange program is in the ___ year in the United States; and

Whereas, the visiting foreign exchange students, during their stay in our community, will attend ___ High School and will participate in all activities, and at other times, they will be guests in the homes of ___ High School Students; and

Whereas, the sponsoring organizations, ___ High School, the visiting students and teachers, and their families should be commended for their efforts toward international friendship and mutual understanding;

Now, therefore ... extend our sincere best wishes for a pleasant and rewarding visit be extended to the foreign exchange students and teachers participating in this program.

Literacy Month

Whereas, literacy is everyone's right; and

Whereas, our community is working to remove barriers to learning by providing learner-oriented programs and to promote the right to literacy; and

Whereas, our community continues to take a leadership role in the fight for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and disadvantage and is committed to equal treatment of all people regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, disability, citizenship, creed, sex, gender identity, age, marital status, family status, political affiliation, religious affiliation, record of offenses or level of literacy;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to reaffirm our commitment to eliminate illiteracy.

Whereas, functional illiteracy is most often described as the inability to read and/or write enough to cope with demands of daily life; and

Whereas, a study has concluded that people who lack literacy skills also suffer from other disadvantages, including unemployment, poverty, and social isolation;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to support activities to promote reading, writing and related skills.

Whereas, Project Literacy U.S. is a major media/outreach project on the subject of adult illiteracy in the United States; and

Whereas, illiteracy is a serious national and local problem and a human tragedy for those concerned; and

Whereas, current data indicate there are millions of adult Americans whose reading, writing, comprehension, and simple math skills vary from almost none to a fourth grade level; and

Whereas, illiteracy is a fundamental problem in the sense that it is a contributing cause to many other social and economic problems, and it can be remedied if, to an increasing degree, those who can help will mobilize training opportunities and those who need help can be motivated to learn; and

Whereas, the purpose of Project Literacy U.S. is to help maximize these processes through local community organizations, national and local television, and radio programming to help create or enhance literacy task forces in communities across the nation;

Now, therefore ... ask our citizens to contribute to this worthwhile cause in volunteering their time and talents to help alleviate illiteracy in our community.

National Federation of State High School Association Directors Day

Whereas, the National Federation of State High School Association Directors have dedicated their lives to community service by developing programs to guide our youth through the principles of sports; and

Whereas, they have served the communities in which they live with distinction, demonstrating always a willingness to place their concern for the public good ahead of their personal interests; and

Whereas, throughout their careers, the National Federation of State High School Association Directors have earned the respect of civic leaders, the affection of fellow citizens and especially the students who are proud to have participated in the programs;

Now, therefore ... extend to them our deep appreciation for their distinguished service.

Public Library Week

Whereas, public libraries improve the quality of life for our residents and provide an essential service by supplying access to information of all kinds; and

Whereas, youth face ongoing challenges in education, the workplace and on the streets; and

Whereas, public libraries work to make young people feel welcome and to meet their needs;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to use public libraries.

Read Across America Day

Whereas, our community stands firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

Whereas, organizations have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to assure that every child has a safe place to read with a caring adult.

Whereas, the freedom to read is the essence of free inquiry and essential to democratic decision-making; and

Whereas, reading inspires the spirit of exploration and the pursuit of knowledge for all; and

Whereas, the freedom of expression is guaranteed to everyone, and it is our responsibility as individuals and organizations to ensure that this freedom is preserved and maintained in our city;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to use the public library this week and throughout the year.

Stay in School Awareness Week

Whereas, the future growth and development of our state depends inextricably on the quality of education its young people receive; and

Whereas, most new jobs in our nation and our state will demand much higher skill levels than those of today; few jobs will exist for those who cannot read, write, follow directions, and use mathematics; and more than half of new jobs created will require education beyond high school; and

Whereas, the coordination and cooperation of all segments of our nation and state are essential for a unified attack on this grave crisis;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to become aware of the dropout crisis and undertake a concerted effort to end this tremendous waste of human potential.

Vocational Education Week

Whereas, vocational education supplies our country with a strong, well-trained work force, which enhances productivity in business and industry and protects America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

Whereas, vocational education serves individual citizens by enabling them to find satisfying careers that suit their own skills and interests, by providing technical skills that let them excel in their chosen careers, and by teaching leadership skills that serve them on the job, at home and in the community; and

Whereas, vocational education enhances high school students' education by offering practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating those at risk of dropping out, and giving all students the potential to become leaders in their fields and in their communities; and

Whereas, vocational education stimulates the growth and vitality of our community's businesses and industries and those of the entire nation by preparing workers for the occupations forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the vocational education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs as necessary to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

ENTERTAINMENT

- **Arts and Humanities Month**
- **Circus Week**
- **Community Theatre Week**
- **Puppetry Day**
- **Storytelling Week**
- **Sweet Adelines International Day**
- **Symphony Month**

Arts and Humanities Month

Whereas, arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of all Americans; and

Whereas, arts and humanities affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity, and community livability;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to participate in and celebrate the cultural riches our community has to offer.

Circus Week

Whereas, the circus is an educational, cultural and social tradition in America; and

Whereas, the circus is for adults and children of all ages;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to enjoy the performances of the circus.

Community Theatre Week

Whereas, community theatre has been a vital part of our community for many years and has entertained thousands of our citizens and visitors during those years; and

Whereas, our community theatre is dedicated to the highest standards of live theatre and continually maintains those standards through the personal commitment of its members and staff;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to participate in this week's activities.

Puppetry Day

Whereas, puppets have played an important role in American theatre and have helped to positively shape the minds of our young people; and

Whereas, puppets are used in the classroom, in physical and mental therapy and as a source of pleasure for all ages; and

Whereas, Puppeteers of America Inc. is a non-profit corporation that promotes puppetry as a means of communication and an extension of human expression;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join in the festivities of this day.

Storytelling Week

Whereas, the arts in our community enhance our quality of life and are vital to the cultural and social development of our community; and

Whereas, in our community there are many artistic and creative people who share the gifts of their stories from around the block and around the world; and

Whereas, storytelling is an art that connects people of all ages and cultures;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to attend the many entertaining events planned in our community this week.

Sweet Adelines International Day

Whereas, Sweet Adelines International has 27,000 members worldwide representing 14 countries, and was founded in 1945 by Edna Mae Anderson; and

Whereas, Sweet Adelines International is a non-profit international organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performances, entertaining thousands of people every year; and

Whereas, Sweet Adelines International offers the Young Women in Harmony Program and supports the Young Singers Foundation – both of which present young people with musical educational opportunities, including scholarships; and

Whereas, Sweet Adelines International remains is one of the largest women's singing organizations in the world and one of the most thriving, non-profit organizations;

Now, therefore ... encourage every woman with a love of singing to seek opportunities with a Sweet Adelines International chorus.

Symphony Month

Whereas, the ____ Symphony Guild is a dedicated group of men and women volunteers whose purpose is to promote an interest in music and cultural activities; and

Whereas, our Guild is the developmental support for the ____ Symphony Orchestra and the ____ Symphony Society; and

Whereas, the ____ Symphony Guild and Orchestra are a valuable resource and a source of civic pride to the people of our community; and

Whereas, the ____ Symphony plays an important role in the cultural enrichment of the lives of our citizens;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of the ____ Symphony Guild and the ____ Symphony.

ENVIRONMENT

- **Arbor Day**
- **Bike Week**
- **Clean Water Day**
- **Earth Day**
- **Energy Week**
- **Garden Week**
- **Litter Sweep**
- **National Climatic Data Center Week**
- **Noise Awareness Day**
- **Recycles Day**
- **Strive Not To Drive Week**
- **Water Conservation Month**

Arbor Day

Whereas, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska on 1972; and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

Whereas, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands.

Whereas, safely managing our environment remains the key to a strong and prosperous future for our community; and

Whereas, caring for and preserving our natural environment is the responsibility of every citizen;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support efforts to care for our environment.

Bike Week

Whereas, our community is committed to a bicycle-friendly future for our cyclists; and

Whereas, while cycling is a fun and healthy pastime, it is also an efficient and environmentally-friendly means of transportation; and

Whereas, our community has a thriving bicycle culture with organizations presenting cycling-related events to help make our city a livable, bicycle-friendly city;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the need for clean, cost-effective transportation.

Whereas, bicycling is a clean, energy efficient, economical and ecologically responsible means of transportation; and

Whereas, the bicycle offers a reliable, low cost, quiet form of transportation, and bicycles are non-polluting and do not contribute to smog, acid rain or the greenhouse effect; and

Whereas, by encouraging bicycling, traffic congestion and parking can be eased and air quality improved;

Now, therefore ... challenge all residents to utilize their bicycles for recreation, exercise, errand running and work commuting purposes.

Clean Water Day

Whereas, maintaining and improving water quality is essential to protect public health, wildlife, and watersheds, and to ensure abundant opportunities for public recreation and economic development; and

Whereas, rivers are an invaluable natural resource benefiting local residents and contributing to a flourishing recreation and tourist industry; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the government and all American citizens to provide and protect clean water for future generations; and

Whereas, the Clean Water Act is the primary federal law that protects our nation's waters, including lakes, rivers, aquifers, and coastal areas; and seeks to ensure that Americans will enjoy clean water safe for swimming and fishing and that aquatic life will thrive; and

Whereas, significant challenges lie ahead in the effort to protect water resources from point and nonpoint sources of pollution including raw sewage discharges and contaminated stormwater discharges, and in the effort to clean up those water resources that are already polluted beyond standards;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the accomplishments and value of the Clean Water Act in helping make our community a healthy, thriving and vibrant community.

Whereas, our community is rich in natural resources and beauty; and

Whereas, water is a basic and essential need for all life; and

Whereas, trash fouls our waterways as well as our landscapes; and

Whereas, every citizen should contribute to keeping our environment clean and healthy by working together to preserve clean water and the natural beauty of our surroundings;

Now, therefore ... urge every citizen to do their part to restore the beauty and function of our lakes and streams.

Whereas, water is a resource essential to human life and its supported elements; and

Whereas, rivers lend natural beauty to our area and provide sources of water supply and recreation, and are linked closely to our historical and cultural heritage; and

Whereas, local citizens, their elected officials and other interested groups have an active interest in protecting and enhancing the streams of this area and encouraging enjoyment of the scenic beauty and recreational potential;

Now, therefore ... urge our community to enhance and preserve the quality and condition of our streams.

Earth Day

Whereas, Earth Day is observed annually to promote awareness of Earth's life-sustaining ecosystem and the importance of preserving its integrity, through education and wise stewardship; and

Whereas, life on our planet and the quest for meaning and purpose in life can be threatened by mankind's failure to take charge and take care of the Earth; and

Whereas, the protection and nurturance of the Earth in every block of every neighborhood, aided by private and public global institutions, can be achieved through mankind's united efforts; and

Whereas, to aid these purposes, there is a need for worldwide decisions and a personal commitment by individuals to be responsible trustees of the Earth, in our own area of ability and influence;

Now, therefore ... remind our citizens of their vital connection to the natural world around us.

Whereas, many years ago Americans joined together to demonstrate concern for the environment, creating an informed public whose collective action resulted in the passage of sweeping new laws to protect our air, water, and land; and

Whereas, Earth Day is a national and international call to action for all citizens to join in a global effort to save the planet; and

Whereas, Earth Day activities and events will educate all citizens on the importance of acting in an environmentally sensitive fashion by recycling, conserving energy and water, using efficient transportation, and adopting a more ecologically sound lifestyle;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to buy and use only those products least harmful to the environment.

Energy Week

Whereas, American Energy Week is a national observance intended to focus attention on the critical need to develop more American domestic energy resources and increase conservation to reduce the United States dependence on foreign oil; and

Whereas, the United States must rely on foreign countries for half of the oil we use; and

Whereas, this dependence on foreign oil jeopardizes the independence and welfare of our nation, state and community, and the well-being of each individual citizen; and

Whereas, the United States has the resources within our borders, such as coal, oil, gas and uranium, to secure our energy future, and our technological strength and spirit of innovation can lead to still other energy alternatives;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to learn how the United States can become more energy self-sufficient and better provide its citizens with the prosperity, health, freedom and peace that we desire.

Garden Week

Whereas, an arboretum is a resource for education, demonstration, conservation, research and economic development; and

Whereas, arboretums function as a model of sustainable land management and horticultural practices in partnership with many agencies and organizations;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to promote stewardship to our bountiful plant and garden resources.

Whereas, it is the inherent beauty and harmony of the human spirit which enables people to enrich their lives by recognizing and appreciating the natural beauty in his surroundings and by creating loveliness where none exists; and

Whereas, each garden club and garden club member is encouraged to plant flowers in their own gardens and promote the planting of wildflowers in public areas and along the nation's roadsides;

Now, therefore ... thank the garden club members for all their work in making our community a more beautiful and inviting place to live.

Litter Sweep

Whereas, our beautiful scenery and clean environment are a source of great pride, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

Whereas, each spring our local Department of Transportation organizes a cleanup campaign to ensure clean roadsides; and

Whereas, various groups organize an annual spring litter cleanup and recycling effort; and

Whereas, the efforts of volunteers beautify our city and help raise awareness of the need for people to properly dispose of trash; and

Whereas, local organizations help educate the public about the harmful effects of litter on the environment and give every citizen the opportunity to take responsibility for clean roads;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to keep our roadsides clean; to reduce and recycle solid wastes; and to report violations of litter laws.

National Climatic Data Center Week

Whereas, the National Climatic Data Center's mission is to provide the historical perspective on climate through the use of more than 100 years of weather observations; and

Whereas, with the establishment of the National Weather Records Center in 1951, the Center began collecting and managing global environmental data bases for meteorology; and

Whereas, each year millions of requests for data and information are received from the general public, insurance companies, engineers, construction companies, government agencies, and policy-makers; and

Whereas, the Center and its personnel provide an essential service to the nation in increasing the understanding of global environmental concerns; and

Whereas, efforts to mitigate damage and loss of life from weather-related catastrophes is developed, in large part, from the Center's historic databases; and

Whereas, the Center's efforts on behalf of our nation and the world are making a tremendous impact on our ability to understand our environment and how the many aspects of its climate affect us;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the importance of this Center.

Noise Awareness Day

Whereas, in order to promote hearing health, organizations are organizing the promotion and education of the impact of noise pollution; and

Whereas, members of our community are encouraged to take action to prevent hearing loss and to help fund medical research into hearing loss;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to protect their hearing and support funding for medical research into the cause, prevention and cure of hearing loss.

Recycles Day

Whereas, our nation is dedicated to good stewardship of our natural resources and we are committed to preserving our resources and recycle; and

Whereas, our country produces more than 200 million tons of municipal solid waste -approximately 4 pounds of waste per person per day; and

Whereas, recycling helps conserve energy and natural resources, provides raw materials for key domestic industries, reduces air and water pollution, cuts greenhouse gas emissions and promotes the development of cleaner technologies; and

Whereas, recycling and composting diverts millions of tons of material away from landfills and incinerators; and

Whereas, through curbside collection and recyclable drop-off centers, communities across our nation are demonstrating their commitment to protecting our environment and to building a better future for our next generation;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

Whereas, due to the millions of tons of municipal waste generated each year, communities are planning events to encourage residents to recycle more and more often, and communicate that there's one more step we can take to keep recycling working – buy recycled; and

Whereas, businesses, schools and organizations are sponsoring recycling events to demonstrate that each person plays a role in keeping recycling working by conserving natural resources, reducing waste and strengthening the economy;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to pledge to increase their efforts to recycle.

Strive Not to Drive Week

Whereas, increased public investment in facilities for walking, biking, public transit and ride share programs provide the potential to create jobs; and

Whereas, alternative and public transportation are vital to the quality of life and economic well-being of our citizens; and

Whereas, the nation, our communities, and our citizens face risk to health and the environment brought about by automobile exhaust emissions; and

Whereas, workers, school children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and those unable to afford an automobile use alternative transportation modes to gain access to jobs, schools, medical facilities, and other fundamental services; and

Whereas, traffic congestion and pollution could be alleviated with an increase in availability of bicycling and walking facilities, buses and other shared-ride services;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to promote the benefits of alternative transportation and examine their personal travel choices.

Whereas, automobile use is forecasted to increase each year, increasing congestion and parking problems, and inhibiting alternative modes of transportation; and

Whereas, automobiles are the single largest source of U.S. air pollution; and

Whereas, walking and bicycling yields many benefits, namely: (1) it does not degrade the environment; (2) requires no non-renewal energy source; (3) is low cost; and (4) promotes fitness, well-being and interaction with neighbors; and

Whereas, public transportation and carpooling allows many people to be transported at the same cost to the environment, while decreasing traffic congestion, reducing parking problems, and costing fewer high dollars per person;

Now, therefore ... challenge all residents to utilize other means besides their automobiles of getting around town.

Water Conservation Month

Whereas, we recognize that pure, clean water is our right; and

Whereas, we are committed to the purity of our water, and we support water conservation as essential to protecting our supply of quality water;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support water conservation.

ETHNIC

- **Black History Month**
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- **Irish Heritage and Cultural Appreciation Month**
- **Jewish Heritage Week**
- **Minority Enterprise Development Week**
- **Minority Women/Business Enterprise Coordinator's Network Day**
- **Native American Month**

Black History Month

Whereas, Black History Month affords special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage, and to honor the many black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our nation; and

Whereas, such knowledge can strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers of equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty;

Now, therefore ... urge our residents to join together in making this period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

Diversity Day

Whereas, diversity is celebrated, respected and valued by our residents and is evident in the thriving and colorful ethnic and cultural neighborhoods throughout our city; and

Whereas, appreciation for diversity among our residents creates a climate of understanding, which places the people of our city in the forefront of efforts to ensure that everyone has the right to live in conditions of peace, dignity and harmony; and

Whereas, organizations are sponsoring programs to facilitate understanding, peace, compassion, cooperation and collaboration among the diverse individuals and groups within our area for the benefit of all by demonstrating that each cultural group or organization brings to our community an atmosphere of joy and celebration;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to celebrate the peaceful diversity that our area is blessed with.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the American proposition that we have achieved and can continue to achieve non-violent social change; and

Whereas, Dr. King advanced the cause of attaining social change for all people and the establishment of “the beloved community” worldwide; and

Whereas, Dr. King admonished us that it is far better to love than hate, to seek justice rather than revenge, and to refrain from acts of violence and not condone those who engage in it or profess hatred for any people, group or race;

Now, therefore ... urge the citizens of our community to join in the observance of this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Whereas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the principle that we, as a people, have achieved and can continue to achieve non-violent social change; and

Whereas, Dr. King advanced the cause of social change for all people; and

Whereas, Dr. King was a great orator and leader whose eloquent message influenced his country to integrate peacefully and resulted in the passing and signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

Whereas, Dr. King received the Nobel Peace prize in 1964 for his constant adherence to the principles of non-violence in the face of frequent threats; and

Whereas, Dr. King was a leader whose life and message influenced this nation to integrate peacefully;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to rededicate themselves to the principle of justice and equality for all.

Days of Dialogue on Race Relations

Whereas, the goal of national days of dialogue on race relations is to bring citizens of different races and ethnic backgrounds together for dialogues which seek to increase understanding and cooperation in our community; and

Whereas, dialogue is an essential ingredient in our nation’s ongoing endeavor to improve race relations; and

Whereas, respectful dialogue that emphasizes listening and seeks to identify areas of agreement is one of the most effective ways to bridge the divide that separates the Americans of different races and ethnic backgrounds; and

Whereas, dialogue creates understanding that can serve as the basis for personal relationships; and

Whereas, dialogue informs and sanitizes people, increases cooperation and creates a context in which people can develop empathy and compassion for each other;

Now therefore ... urge residents to participate in this worthwhile event.

Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day

Whereas, on March 21, 1960, peaceful, anti-apartheid demonstrators were wounded and killed by police in Sharpeville, South Africa; and

Whereas, racism destroys the very fabric of opportunity, fairness, democracy and mutual respect necessary for strong and healthy communities; and

Whereas, our community continues to take a leadership role in the fight for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and disadvantage to ensure that everyone has a right to live in connections of dignity, respect and peace; and

Whereas, we join with community organizations and institutions who are working toward the empowerment of vulnerable communities to realize their potential to participate in a civil society through the elimination of racism, sexism, homophobia, homelessness, poverty, hunger and all barriers to the achievement of human rights;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to continue to work together to ensure quality and eliminate racism.

Hadassah's Day

Whereas, Hadassah is a national Jewish women's organization serving our community as well as the health and well-being of all people; and

Whereas, in Israel, and the world over, Hadassah is recognized as a leader in health care services and medical research; and

Whereas, the Jewish women of America have given from their hearts and unselfishly performed mitzvot after mitzvot making good things happen; and

Whereas, Hadassah has been the means for causing change here, in Israel and throughout the world;

Now, therefore ... commemorate the work of Hadassah.

Hispanic Heritage Week

Whereas, our community encourages and welcomes arts and cultural celebrations that are organized by the many ethnic and cultural groups who work hard to promote and preserve their rich history and traditions; and

Whereas, this week provides our Latin American community to showcase their lively and captivating culture and traditions with our residents and visitors; and

Whereas, the mosaic of many ethnic cultures provides a kaleidoscope of rich customs and traditions that truly reflect our diversity;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to join in this exciting and colorful celebration showcasing our Latin American community.

Whereas, the Hispanic community is the fastest growing minority group; and

Whereas, by the year 2050, 25% of the nation will be of Hispanic descent; and

Whereas, the Latino/Hispanic community contributes to the local economy, work force, educational and cultural influence in our community;

Now, therefore ... recognize our Hispanic/Latino community.

Human Relations Month

Whereas, our community desires to continue to promote and maintain a wholesome climate of human relations among the citizens, between groups, races, and among persons of varying economic status for the progress and general welfare of the total community; and

Whereas, the public policy is to respect the dignity of all and to provide genuine equality of opportunity as a recognizable fact which leads to the well-being of all; and

Whereas, for these reasons, we wish to continue a constructive approach to improving human relations for the community through understanding, communication and specific programs;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to promote improving human relations.

Greek Heritage Week

Whereas, the Greek community has contributed much to the cultural life of this nation, this state, and particularly to our community; and

Whereas, the Greek community desires to bring to the attention of the many important aspects of the Greek heritage;

Now, therefore ... urge the citizens in our community to learn about the many aspects of the Greek heritage.

Whereas, the democratic ideals which we cherish originated in ancient Greece whose philosophy and struggle for freedom have been an inspiration to nations and peoples everywhere for centuries; and

Whereas, the ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people; and

Whereas, the founding fathers of the United States of American drew heavily upon the political and philosophical experience of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy; and

Whereas, the devotion of Greek Americans to democratic principles and the preservation of civil and human rights reign supreme; and

Whereas, these ideals have forged a close bond between our two nations;

Now, therefore ... urge all of our citizens to honor this day.

India Day

Whereas, on August 15, 1947, after a half a century of struggle for independence from Great Britain, India became an independent nation; and

Whereas, this ended more than 300 plus years of British rule; and

Whereas, in 1948, the last British Viceroy left his official assignment and handed over the nation's leadership to the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru; and

Whereas, at the same time, another nation was formed from the Indian sub-continent – this was Pakistan; and

Whereas, India has four times the US population and one-third the landmass;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

Irish Heritage and Cultural Appreciation Month

Whereas, we are fortunate to live in a city where the fusion of many ethnic cultures offers a mosaic of rich traditions and heritage to be shared and celebrated; and

Whereas, this month is an opportunity to recognize the significant contributions our Irish community makes to the prosperity, vitality and success of our city;

Now, therefore ... recognize the significant contribution our vibrant Irish community makes to the social and cultural development of our city.

Jewish Heritage Week

Whereas, during Jewish Heritage Week, we celebrate Jewish Americans for their contributions to this country and for helping to shape our national character; and

Whereas, the story of the Jewish people reflects the triumph of faith, the importance of family and the power of hope; and

Whereas, through inspiring stories of personal sacrifice and survival, the Jewish people have demonstrated unyielding trust in God and enduring faith in freedom; and

Whereas, America is stronger and more hopeful because of the industry, talent and imagination of Jewish Americans from around the world;

Now, therefore ... urge our residents to celebrate the contributions of Jewish Americans to our nation by observing this week with appropriate programs and activities.

Minority Enterprise Development Week

Whereas, we desire to insure that all citizens are involved in the economic progress during this time of our growth and prosperity; and

Whereas, the fulfillment of this challenge has become more realistic today because of the significant contributions of minority entrepreneurs to our economy; and

Whereas, minority-owned businesses have emerged as a dynamic force in the marketplace, bringing innovative products and services to our economy, and constituting the principal source for jobs and training for thousands of workers; and

Whereas, as we enter an era of greatly expanded opportunities in economic growth and development, it is appropriate that we encourage minority business owners by recognizing their contributions toward the economic development of our community;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to join together with the minority business enterprises of our community in appropriate observances.

Minority Women/Business Enterprise Coordinator's Network Day

Whereas, our city desires to insure equal opportunity to minority businesses; and

Whereas, Minority Women/Business Enterprise Coordinator's Network's purpose is to ensure increased participation of qualified minority and women business enterprises in public procurement, construction and professional service contracts;

Now, therefore ... encourage all minority businesses to participate in all appropriate observances.

Native American Month

Whereas, American Indians have played a vital role in the life of our country, and their contributions have enhanced the prosperity and greatness of America today; and

Whereas, our community reaffirms our country's commitment to remember those contributions and to honor the unique heritage of our continent's first inhabitants;

Now, therefore ... encourage all our citizens to promote the American belief that people of diverse cultural backgrounds can join together to build a great community.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Alpha Delta Kappa Week**
- **Beta Sigma Phi Week**
- **Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World**

Alpha Delta Kappa Week

Whereas, the Alpha Delta Kappa is a fraternal organization that gives recognition to women educators, who have proven to be efficient, professional teachers and that are socially commendable; and

Whereas, Alpha Delta Kappa creates interest in teaching and sponsors scholarships and altruistic programs;

Now, therefore ... commend this observance to our citizens.

Whereas, women in education constitute a great portion of the nation's working force, and are constantly striving to serve their communities and nations in educational, civic, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people; and

Whereas, major goals of Alpha Delta Kappa, International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators are: to give recognition to outstanding women educators; to build a fraternal fellowship among women educators and to their effectiveness in the promoting of excellence in education; to establish high standards in education; and to promote educational and charitable projects and activities enriching the lives of individuals everywhere and assisting these individuals into happy, constructive, and fulfilling lives.

Beta Sigma Phi Week

Whereas, Beta Sigma Phi is an organization consisting of women that have worked for every known charitable, health and cultural organization, raising money and donating time and effort to those in need everywhere; and

Whereas, The Badge of Organization shall signify Life, Learning and Friendship by its Greek symbols, Beta Sigma Phi; and

Whereas, it is sincerely believed to be a worthwhile act that would benefit its members around the world, with a lifetime of association with the finest people;

Now, therefore ... ask other Beta Sigma Phi Sisters everywhere to join in saluting Beta Sigma Phi week.

Whereas, Beta Sigma Phi, is a cultural, social and service organization for women with more than a quarter million members around the world; and

Whereas, members give thousands of hours of service and thousands of dollars in donations to deserving organizations in the community each year.

Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World

Whereas, the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOE of W) is the largest fraternal organization in the world; and

Whereas, the purpose of the organization is: "That the welfare and happiness of its members be promoted and enhanced, that nobleness of soul and goodness of heart be cultivated, that the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity be inculcated, that its members and families be assisted and protected, and that the spirit of patriotism be enlivened and exalted;" and

Whereas, the IBPOE of W is known best for its Department of Education, which for the past 73 years has given over two and a half million dollars in scholarships to youth of all races; and

Whereas, since 1926, its Civil Liberties Department has fought all forms of injustice against any racial group and local lodges and temples from coast to coast have made financial contributions to Civil Rights Movements, and organizations; and

Whereas, the IBPOE of W is dedicated to make the world a better place in which to live because equal opportunity is guaranteed to all irrespective of race, creed, or color;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event.

FUNDRAISERS

- **Easter Seals Month**
- **UNICEF**
- **United Negro College Fund**

Easter Seals Month

Whereas, Easter Seals is dedicated to helping children with disabilities; and

Whereas, Easter Seals helps over 7,000 families of kids with physical disabilities to purchase equipment such as wheelchairs, braces and communication aids; and

Whereas, Easter Seals provides recreational experiences at Easter Seals camps, and funds recreational choices such as swimming and art classes; and

Whereas, Easter Seals' mission includes research and public and consumer education on behalf of kids with physical disabilities;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to support Easter Seals.

UNICEF

Whereas, UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, is recognizing its ____ anniversary of "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF;" and

Whereas, UNICEF is the world's leading children's aid organization, working in over 160 countries and territories to provide children with lifesaving medicine, better nutrition, clean water, education, emergency relief, and protection of their rights; and

Whereas, since 1950 children throughout the United States have collected more than \$110 million in donations with trademark orange boxes on Halloween; and

Whereas, children have raised thousands of dollars through "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" fundraising events, including bake sales and orange box collections;

Now, therefore ... urge residents to support UNICEF this upcoming Halloween.

United Negro College Fund

Whereas, the United Negro College Fund was chartered in 1944 and has raised millions of dollars for its member colleges; and

Whereas, through these means it has helped move these institutions into the mainstream of American education where they are beginning to serve students of all races, but especially concentrate on offering a good education to minority students; and

Whereas, many students from our area were enrolled in these colleges, who now work and live in our city, contributing to the betterment of our community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support this worthwhile drive.

HANDICAPPED

- **Americans with Disabilities Act Week**
- **Barrier Awareness Day**
- **Disability Awareness Week**
- **Disability Employment Awareness Month**
- **Mental Illness Awareness Month**
- **Special Olympics Week**
- **White Cane Safety Day**

Americans with Disabilities Act Week

Whereas, children and adults with disabilities are participating as full members of their communities in greater and greater numbers; and

Whereas, more and more children with disabilities are successfully integrated into their neighborhood school; and

Whereas, more and more children and adults with disabilities are playing, worshipping, working and shopping alongside their neighbors; and

Whereas, more and more communities are becoming inclusive and free of physical and social barriers;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to work together and alongside others across the nation to promote equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for all people.

Whereas, citizens across our state are endeavoring to give greater emphasis to the advancement of persons with physical and mental disabilities; and

Whereas, such citizens are valued members of our community; and

Whereas, employers of the private and public sector and other entities which are engaged in public accommodations can impact the quality of life experienced by physically and mentally impaired persons; and

Whereas, our community aspires to provide equal opportunities to all persons;

Now, therefore ... urge that all citizens acknowledge the contributions of persons with disabilities.

Whereas, in 1992, the United Nations proclaimed December 3 as a day to reinforce the commitment to improve the integration of persons with disabilities who are often forced into poverty, unemployment and social isolation; and

Whereas, our community is committed to ensure that people with disabilities can exercise their civil, political, social and cultural rights on an equal basis with other people; and

Whereas, our community is in the forefront of efforts to ensure that every person with a disability has the right to a life without physical and attitudinal barriers and to live with dignity and respect;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to fight for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and disadvantage.

Barrier Awareness Day

Whereas, all people have the right to have access to all public facilities within their community and to move about freely without architectural barriers, and this right is not to be abridged by reason of physical disability; and

Whereas, the efforts of all people are needed if we are to meet the challenges facing this state; and

Whereas, disabled people are productive workers who contribute to the public good, far in excess of the amount spent on their rehabilitation and in providing the means for accessibility; and

Whereas, employers in both public and private sectors, as well as friends and neighbors, can testify to the credentials and value of disabled citizens; and

Whereas, communities, people with disabilities, and society as a whole, benefit when all citizens are engaged in meaningful, productive activities that make maximum use of individual talents;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to acknowledge the contributions of disabled persons as workers and citizens, by increasing public awareness, by increasing accessibility and by commending local businesses on the improvement of accessibility and the removal of architectural barriers.

Whereas, our state and nation have made tremendous progress in providing education, employment, housing and transportation for individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, yet the problem of many of the social, cultural, physical, and architectural barriers placed in the way of persons with disabilities go unrecognized; and

Whereas, we cannot truly respond to these issues unless we have a stronger understanding of what it is like to have a disability, and thus recognize the unmet needs and contributions of these individuals; and

Whereas, our community is committed to erase the psychological, environmental, and architectural barriers from the lives of all our citizens;

Now, therefore ... encourage all our citizens to begin the process of opening doors of understanding to people with disabilities.

Disability Awareness Week

Whereas, freedom and opportunity are the promise to all people of the United States; and

Whereas, to those people with disabilities, these rights are no less inalienable; and

Whereas, the essence of life is not embodied by physical or mental perfection, but is it an integral part of the human spirit; and

Whereas, to strive for one's own personal goals is a right of life which must be protected; and

Whereas, the development of human potential is the commitment we must make to guarantee the brightest possible tomorrow for our future generations; and

Whereas, when special assistance is needed, we must take those steps necessary for the full integration of people with disabilities into society; and

Whereas, the right to education, to meaningful employment, to make personal choices and to experience love and friendship with dignity are also among those most basic rights;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to become aware of the needs and capabilities of persons with disabilities.

Disability Employment Awareness Month

Whereas, the rehabilitation, training, and employment of all people with disabilities is an important goal deserving the support of the citizens of our community; and

Whereas, non-profit and public agencies working together have been serving people with disabilities in our area to provide individuals with opportunities for independence, employment, and personal growth; and

Whereas, our citizens with disabilities have repeatedly demonstrated their skills in all walks of life and have made significant contributions to every facet of life; and

Whereas, by striving to ensure that none of our citizens are denied access to employment, education, cultural and community life because of a disability, we strengthen our community;

Now, therefore ... encourage all residents to consider the potential of persons with disabilities who currently serve in our workforce as well as those who are ready and willing to join the workforce.

Whereas, all people have the right to employment at its highest levels of which they are capable, and this right is not to be abridged by reason of physical or mental disability; and

Whereas, the efforts of all people are needed if we are to meet the challenges facing this state; and

Whereas, disabled people are productive workers who contribute to the public good, far in excess of the amount spent on their rehabilitation and in providing the means for accessibility; and

Whereas, people with disabilities have made significant contributions to communities, states and to the nation – as workers and as fully participating members of society; and

Whereas, employers in both public and private sectors can testify to the credentials and value of disabled employees; and

Whereas, communities, people with disabilities, and society as a whole benefit when all citizens are engaged in meaningful, productive activities that make maximum use of individual talents;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to acknowledge the contributions of disabled persons as workers and citizens.

Mental Illness Awareness Month

Whereas, in our state there has always been a dedicated effort to provide quality services and care for our citizens who are mentally ill; and

Whereas, these people with special needs and their families must have our support in order to live their lives to their fullest potential; and

Whereas, we must continue to ensure our services meet the needs of the mentally ill and their families;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to learn more about mental illnesses and assist in improving the quality of life of citizens with mental illness.

Special Olympics Week

Whereas, the Special Olympics' mission states: to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with mental illnesses ... by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participation in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to increase their awareness and support of individuals with mental illnesses.

White Cane Safety Day

Whereas, the purpose of White Cane Safety Day is to make the public sensitive to the white cane as a symbol of the independence of the blind and to promote public awareness of the blind as equal and productive citizens within the community; and

Whereas, it is at this time that we remind all citizens that persons carrying a white cane or using a dog guide are legally blind and, under the law, have equal rights to housing; to all places to which the public is invited including, but not limited to, places of lodging, amusement, and recreation; to all modes of public transportation; and to all the streets and byways of our communities; and

Whereas, it is at this time that we remind motorists that the law requires that drivers exercise appropriate care when approaching blind persons; and

Whereas, it is at this time that we remind employers that competent blind persons can be and are employed within the broad spectrum of competitive labor and within the professions;

Now, therefore ... commend the National Federation of the Blind for its dedicated service in assisting blinded persons in adjustment and orientation, including referrals to appropriate agencies, public education, employment opportunities, legal assistance, white canes and other special aides and appliances to the blind at or below cost, scholarships and consultations.

HEALTH

- Adolescence Pregnancy Prevention Month
- Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month
- American Heart Month
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Day
- Brain Injury Awareness Month
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- Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week
- Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
- Nutrition Month
- Physical Therapy Day
- Operation Smile Week
- Organ Donation Week
- Ovarian Cancer Month
- Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month
- Pediatric Brain Tumor Day
- Physical Fitness Day
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Week
- Rehabilitation Week
- Sickle Cell Week
- Sight Day
- Speech and Hearing Month
- Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
- Therapeutic Recreation Week
- Vegetarian Education Day
- Weight Loss Month

Adolescence Pregnancy Prevention Month

Whereas, teenage pregnancy significantly affects the health, economic and educational future of teenagers and costs our state millions of dollars each year; and

Whereas, teenage parents are often unable to complete their education, which later results in unemployment, under-employment and dependence on public welfare; and

Whereas, teenage mothers often seek prenatal care late, if at all, and therefore frequently suffer higher than average levels of toxemia, anemia and cervical trauma and their babies are often born premature and with low birth weights; and

Whereas, our community is committed to involving churches, businesses, media, parents, agencies, educational institutions, policy makers and health providers in helping to prevent teenage pregnancy;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to become more aware of the problem of teenage pregnancy that faces our community and to advocate and support programs and strategies that prevent adolescent pregnancy.

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a serious brain disorder that causes a progressive loss of memory, a deterioration in thought and language, general debilitation, and death; and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease has been described as life running backwards; and

Whereas, there is no known cause or cure for Alzheimer's disease at this time;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to learn more about this disease and its impact on victims and families.

American Heart Month

Whereas, the American Heart Association is the only voluntary health agency whose sole mission is to reduce early death and disability from heart disease and stroke; and

Whereas, heart attacks and strokes kill and disable more people each year than all other health-related causes combined; and

Whereas, it is now possible to reduce this terrible toll dramatically through proper diet, exercise and medical care; and

Whereas, the American Heart Association and its local affiliates have engaged in a concerted effort to focus public attention on the opportunities we have to protect ourselves against the ravages of these afflictions;

Now, therefore ... remind our citizens of the vital importance of preventive health care and to support educational programs to help fight against heart disease and stroke.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Day

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) is a rapidly progressive fatal motor neuron disease for which there is no cure; and

Whereas, ALS is commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease although it can strike anyone, regardless of age, gender or circumstances, requiring families to spend thousands of dollars for specialized equipment and nursing care;

Now, therefore ... raise awareness about ALS and recognize those who are working to raise funds for research and patient care for people living with this disease.

Brain Injury Awareness Month

Whereas, a brain injury can change your life; and

Whereas, it is estimated that the direct and indirect costs associated with traumatic brain injury are billions of dollars annually; and

Whereas, the most common causes of brain injury are falls, motor vehicle collisions, infections, heart attacks, bicycle crashes and drug abuse; and

Whereas, a brain injury can vary from a mild concussion to a severe coma; and

Whereas, events have been organized to raise awareness and to encourage the general public to learn more about brain injury and the effect it can have on the lives of individuals and families;

Now, therefore ... encourage residents to support and learn more about the effects of brain injury.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Whereas, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of the early detection of breast cancer, and prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by this disease; and

Whereas, in recognition of the fact that mammography, an "x-ray" of the breast, is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt;

Now, therefore ... urge all women and their families to get facts about mammography.

Breastfeeding Week

Whereas, children are our number one priority; and

Whereas, children are our future, and we owe them the opportunity to lead healthy and prosperous lives; and

Whereas, breastfeeding is a healthy, natural food source for infants that provides them with an ideal balance of nutrients and a high degree of natural immunity against infection and allergies; and

Whereas, breastfeeding is recommended by the United States Surgeon General and the majority of health care professionals; and

Whereas, breast milk is the world's only non-polluting, renewable baby food source, and it contains the best possible nutrients for infants to become healthy and strong adults;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to recognize the importance of improving the health of babies in our city.

Cancer Prevention Month

Whereas, great gains in the fight against cancer are being made; and

Whereas, advances in prevention, early detection, and treatment are reducing cancer rates and increasing the likelihood of survival; and

Whereas, new dietary guidelines have been developed which emphasize reducing caloric intake, eating healthy foods, and increasing physical activity; and

Whereas, citizens are urged to use sunscreen and limit exposure to the sun, avoid tobacco and alcohol abuse, talk with their doctors about their cancer risk, and get check-ups and preventive screenings; and

Whereas, organizations would not be able to offer comprehensive and credible information on cancer, risk reduction and treatment without the generous help of volunteers and donors;

Now, therefore ... honor cancer survivors, support and encourage those living with cancer, and encourage our citizens to raise awareness about the prevention and control of cancer.

Whereas, there are many personal victories over cancer; and

Whereas, there is much cause for celebration, thanks to the many positive advances in medical research to find a cure for this once incurable disease; and

Whereas, there are many community resources in this area to help individuals deal with the disease.

Whereas, the dreaded disease of cancer has been a leading killer of both children and adults; and

Whereas, the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital was founded by Actor Danny Thomas for the purpose of providing treatment and care of children with cancer; and

Whereas, St. Jude also studies other catastrophic childhood diseases such as sickle cell anemia, and pediatric AIDS; and

Whereas, research findings are shared worldwide; and

Whereas, the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital reaches out to children to any creed or color to save lives and ease suffering;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to remember that money raised for St. Jude will build an endowment fund to insure St. Jude is always available for children.

Whereas, one in three Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society, the nation's largest voluntary health agency, is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and services; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society has helped improve the chances for survival through its research programs and has provided comfort and support through its service and rehabilitation program, thus improving the quality of life for all cancer patients; and

Whereas, prevention and early detection measures have been identified by medical experts as key strategies in the fight against cancer; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society is the only cancer organization that conducts local cancer control activities in almost every community in America;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support medical research in order to finally eliminate the suffering and death from cancer.

Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Awareness Month

Whereas, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) is a defined illness characterized by debilitating fatigue and a host of other symptoms, including headache, sore throat, fever, weakness, lymph node pain and difficulty in concentrating; and

Whereas, because of the variable nature of the symptoms and the failure of routine testing to find an organic cause, patients afflicted with the illness may also suffer emotional stress and rejection by physicians; and

Whereas, patients who exhibit the most classic cases of CFS were previously physically active, often over-achievers, who describe the relatively sudden onset of an influenza-like illness that “never goes away;”

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to become informed and support the research into the mechanism and treatment of this disease.

Diabetes Month

Whereas, diabetes is a serious condition and a leading cause of death by disease that has reached epidemic proportions; and

Whereas, diabetes is a serious disease that can lead to blindness, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and amputations; and

Whereas, through research funded by the American Diabetes Association and others, researchers continue their work to find a cure; and

Whereas, early detection and proper treatment of diabetes can lead to a longer, healthier life;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to increase their awareness of this disease and the potential that exists to prevent its occurrence and reduce its complications.

Down Syndrome Awareness Week

Whereas, Down Syndrome is a genetic disorder resulting in an extra 21st chromosome that causes delays and limitations in physical and intellectual development; and

Whereas, the incidence of Down Syndrome in the general population is one in every 700 births and is not related to race, religion or socio-economic status; and

Whereas, important advances in research, education, and health care have improved the lives of individuals with Down Syndrome and increased public understanding of this congenital disorder; and

Whereas, today, individuals with Down Syndrome benefit from loving homes, early intervention, special education, mainstreaming, appropriate medical care, and positive public attitudes; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize the contributions people with Down Syndrome make to our community, along with the efforts of their families, friends, health care providers, educators, and advocates in promoting acceptance and inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to raise awareness and increase understanding of people with Down Syndrome.

Drinking Water Week

Whereas, our health, comfort and standard of living depend on an abundant supply of safe, high quality water; and

Whereas, the problems of water supply are many and growing more complex; and

Whereas, the ever increasing need for water makes more and better facilities and more and better trained personnel essential;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join in paying tribute to the tireless, dedicated men and women of our water system and urge that we lend them all possible support so the growing water needs of our community will be met.

Dystonia Awareness Week

Whereas, Dystonia is a neurological disorder in which powerful, involuntary muscle spasms twist part or all of the body and are always disabling and often very painful; and

Whereas, the public knows little about Dystonia and many people react to the physical manifestations by avoiding those who have this disorder, causing them to experience isolation and often deep psychological distress; and

Whereas, greater recognition and understanding of Dystonia is necessary both in the medical and lay communities, and public support of the efforts to find the causes and cure is needed;

Now, therefore ... encourage all residents to learn about this disorder and offer aid and support to those who are affected by it.

End of Life Care Week

Whereas, the compassionate and skilled care of seriously ill patients is essential; and

Whereas, added attention to this important part of life is likely to stimulate discussion among families about wishes at the end of life; and

Whereas, special focus on end of life issues is likely to improve care and understanding;

Now, therefore ... encourage all citizens to discuss this important issue with family members.

Epilepsy Month

Whereas, millions of Americans suffer from epilepsy; and

Whereas, thousands of new cases of this disorder develop each year in this country, primarily among young people with cases among the elderly escalating; and

Whereas, epilepsy is tragically shrouded in myth, ignorance and fear which too often work to deprive those with epilepsy the opportunities that will enable them to achieve a normal active and productive life, thus causing undue suffering; and

Whereas, the person with epilepsy has the basic human right to be accepted in society without the added burden of discrimination in society, unfair employment practices, and superstitious and uninformed attitudes; and

Whereas, medical advances have been made which assist many persons with epilepsy in achieving seizure control and normal functioning;

Now, therefore ... ask our citizens to join with the Epilepsy Association in its efforts to educate the public about epilepsy so that people with epilepsy can take their rightful place in the mainstream of American society.

Foot Health Month

Whereas, chiropodists and podiatrists are the only regulated health care providers educated exclusively in the assessment, treatment and prevention of foot disorders; and

Whereas, organizations are dedicated to fostering foot health excellence and are designed to increase public awareness and information that promotes proper foot health in order to prevent costly and complicated problems;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to put their best foot forward in supporting and recognizing this very important issue.

Gingivitis Week

Whereas, gingivitis is a gum disease at its earliest stages; and

Whereas, gingivitis is easily treatable and preventable; and

Whereas, plaque buildup, stress, hormonal changes, nutrition, gender and systemic diseases such as diabetes, HIV/AIDS, osteoporosis, heart disease and anemia, may all contribute to gingivitis; and

Whereas, signs of gingivitis can include plaque accumulation and red, bleeding or swollen gums; and

Whereas, if left untreated it can lead to serious periodontal disease and even tooth loss;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to increase their awareness of this condition and how to prevent it.

Great American Smokeout Day

Whereas, the Great American Smokeout is a lighthearted effort to encourage cigarette smokers to give up their habit for 24 hours on ____; and

Whereas, millions of smokers have participated in this event; and

Whereas, the health benefits of not smoking are substantiated and well-known; and

Whereas, there are additional civic benefits such as reducing the risks of accidental fire and illnesses related to "passive smoking;"

Now, therefore ... urge all cigarette smokers to demonstrate to themselves and their friends that they can quit if they wish.

HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

Whereas, widespread publicity has focused the world's attention on Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) as being a major health problem for our nation, state and city; and

Whereas, in fighting the disease, we depend on public education programs to educate people about how they can avoid contracting AIDS, to dispel myths about casual transmission of AIDS, and to foster a reasoned and compassionate response throughout our community; and

Whereas, the global spread of the HIV infection and AIDS necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and preventative action to stop the transmission of HIV and the spread of AIDS;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to participate in activities and observances designated to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a community challenge, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join the community effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

Health Center Week

Whereas, community, migrant and homeless health centers are providers of health care to more than 10 million of medically underserved people in urban and rural communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

Whereas, health centers serve as a vital safety net for growing numbers of working poor, uninsured and high risk and vulnerable populations; and

Whereas, health centers bring doctors and needed health facilities into areas with few or no providers and/or suffering poverty and poor health; and

Whereas, health centers expand access to quality and cost-effective primary and preventive health care for all people; and

Whereas, health centers contain health care costs by fostering health and prevention and reducing the need for costly emergency care and hospital admissions; and

Whereas, health centers are partnerships of people, governments and communities working together to meet greater needs and address community health problems; and

Whereas, the ____ is contributing to the health and economic promise of the community it serves with health services, jobs, leadership and investment;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to pay tribute to this outstanding organization.

Liver Disease Month

Whereas, organizations are dedicated to providing support for research and education of hepatitis and other forms of liver disease; and

Whereas, liver disease causes death and strikes men, women and children indiscriminately;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the commitment of foundation volunteers, staff, donors, researchers, sponsors and government partners and encourage all our residents to learn more about liver health.

Lung Cancer Month

Whereas, lung cancer organizations are committed to providing support and information about this disease as well as encouraging and promoting research in its prevention and cure; and

Whereas, people diagnosed with lung cancer are now living longer and enjoying a better quality of life because of the advances made in treatment and prevention awareness programs; and

Whereas, this year, more individuals will be diagnosed with lung cancer than any other cancer; and

Whereas, lung cancer organizations offer comprehensive and credible information, risk reduction and treatment that can help prevent lung cancer;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to support lung cancer organizations.

Lupus Awareness Month

Whereas, Lupus Erythematosus or Lupus, as it is commonly called, is a chronic inflammatory disease affecting connective tissue; and

Whereas, Lupus may affect only the skin in some people; in others it may affect virtually any organ in the body including skin, joints, kidneys, brain, lungs, heart, blood and immune system and in the systemic form may be occasionally fatal; and

Whereas, nearly one million Americans have been diagnosed as having Lupus; and

Whereas, Lupus affects men, women and children of all ages, but women of the child bearing age are more commonly affected; and

Whereas, the causes of Lupus are currently unknown; and

Whereas, current research suggests that in Systemic Lupus inflammation, the body appears to become allergic to normal components of body cells, forming antibodies against one's own tissues; and

Whereas, medical researchers are seeking to find out how this develops;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to learn all they can about this disease and its symptoms to enable them to seek early medical treatment.

Men's Health Awareness Week

Whereas, it is important for all males, regardless of age, to become more informed about their health and related risks, and to take a more responsible attitude toward their health and well-being; and

Whereas, Men's Health Awareness Week is an international event involving many countries including Canada, United States, United Kingdom and Australia, that promotes men's awareness on the importance of early detection and treatment of disease, and other health and lifestyle issues that can have a devastating impact; and

Whereas, organizations have been established to promote greater education of, and attention to, men's health issues for males of all ages, religions, backgrounds and walks of life in our large and culturally diverse community;

Now, therefore ... increase public awareness of preventable health problems, and encourage and support males of all ages and cultural backgrounds to give greater priority and attention to their health.

Mental Health Week

Whereas, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

Whereas, mental illness causes untold suffering for millions of individuals and families in communities across the country; and

Whereas, people with mental illness can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

Whereas, untreated or under-treated medical illness costs public and private employers billions of dollars annually through absenteeism, turnover, low productivity and increasing medical costs; and

Whereas, mental health organizations are promoting emotional well-being and increasing public awareness of mental health issues; and

Whereas, it is our responsibility both as individuals and a community to support and care for those in need and help people find the mental health resources they need for themselves, family and friends;

Now, therefore ... recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

Whereas, mental illnesses are disorders of the brain that disrupt a person's thinking, feelings, mood, ability to relate to others, and daily function; and

Whereas, just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, the mental illnesses, including major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and obsessive-compulsive and panic disorders, are brain disorders that often result in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life; and

Whereas, it is most important to recognize that these brain disorders are treatable by taking prescribed medications and receiving psychosocial treatments such as cognitive behavioral therapy, interpersonal therapy, self-help and support groups, vocational rehabilitation, and other community services; and

Whereas, more than 5% of American adults suffer from a serious mental illness and 12% of American children under the age of 18 have a diagnosable mental illness and greatly affect family members and society in general;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to serve as advocates for the mentally ill and educators about mental illness and the elimination of stigma.

Whereas, mental illness is a problem of grave concern and consequence in American society and is widely, but unnecessarily, feared and misunderstood; and

Whereas, millions of people in the United States are disabled for long periods of time by schizophrenia, manic depressive disorders, and major depression; and

Whereas, mental illness is an increasingly treatable disability with excellent prospects for remedy and recovery when properly recognized; and

Whereas, individuals with mental illnesses and their families have begun to join self-help groups to combat the unfair stigma of the diseases, support greater investment

in research, and advocate for adequate continuum of care from hospital to community;
and

Whereas, persons with mental illnesses and their families are stigmatized by the myths and prejudices surrounding mental illness and are thereby doubly victimized by the illness;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to reduce stigma and promote understanding of the mentally ill and their families.

Whereas, mental illnesses, which are brain disorders, affect millions of Americans annually and cost our nation billions of dollars each year in lost production, social dependence and health care costs; and

Whereas, each year millions of young people are stricken with mental illness disorders, interfering with the vital development and maturational process of our nation's greatest natural resource; and further, our elderly, the fastest growing segment of our population, are particularly vulnerable to brain disorders; and

Whereas, together with the various psychiatric disorders, such as depression, schizophrenia, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, make brain disorders the most prevalent health problem in America today; and

Whereas, brain disorders, like many other medical illnesses, knows no boundaries among ethnic groups, races or cultures, nor between men and women, children and adults; nor between the well-to-do and the poor; nor between the educated and the illiterate; and

Whereas, early recognition and treatment of brain disorders vastly increases the likelihood of restored health; and family, friends and co-workers can play a key role in recognizing the early warning signs of these illnesses;

Now, therefore ... encourage public awareness of brain disorders and to promote a better understanding of those who suffer from their disabling symptoms, as well as, to eliminate the stigma of mental illness with its discrimination against those with such brain disorders.

Whereas, many citizens in America experience, at sometime in their lives, a severe mental illness which significantly disrupts their everyday functions; and

Whereas, human dignity and full access to society are fundamental human rights; and

Whereas, persons experiencing mental illness are often denied these rights and opportunities, especially in housing, employment and access to effective mental health services; and

Whereas, despite substantial attitudinal barriers, persons experiencing mental illness have made significant contributions to their communities while living, learning and working there; and

Whereas, misconceptions, prejudices, and discriminatory barriers affecting people with mental illness can be removed through increased public education and involvement on the part of citizens and leaders;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the needs and accomplishments of people experiencing mental health problems.

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week

Whereas, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure and which symptoms include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pains, asthma, short term memory loss, headaches and other respiratory and neurological problems; and

Whereas, MSC can cause major financial, employment, housing, health and social consequences for people who have this disability; and

Whereas, the health of the general population is at risk from chemical exposures that can lead to illnesses that may be preventable through reduction or avoidance of chemicals in the air, water and food in both indoor and outdoor environments; and

Whereas, with the necessary support, understanding, accommodations, and information, individuals with MCS can enjoy access to work, school, public facilities, and other surroundings where they can continue to contribute their skills, knowledge, and creativity;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to take cognizance of this event to raise public awareness to this debilitating disorder.

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month

Whereas, there is no known cause or cure for multiple sclerosis (MS), a chronic, often disabling, neurological disease; and

Whereas, the symptoms of this disease vary widely and can lead to problems with numbness, coordination, vision and speech, as well as extreme fatigue and even paralysis; and

Whereas, organizations support both research and services for people afflicted with MS and their families;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to raise public awareness on this often disabling disease.

Nutrition Month

Whereas, life is made and sustained by nutrition; and

Whereas, the quality of food the individual consumes each day plays a vital role in his health throughout the life cycle; and

Whereas, there is a need for continuing nutrition education and a massive effort to enhance family nutrition practices;

Now, therefore ... encourage all citizens to become concerned about their nutrition and the nutrition of others in the hope of achieving optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

Physical Therapy Day

Whereas, the American Physical Therapy Association is observing a national physical therapy week; and

Whereas, in observation of this week, our city is calling special attention to the contributions of physical therapy toward improving the quality of life for disabled and able-bodied Americans of all ages; and

Whereas, the goal of the Association is to achieve better lives for our disabled citizens and to promote preventive measures to keep healthy citizens whole through improvement of education, practice and research; and

Whereas, the Association plays an integral role in continued efforts to assist disabled citizens and holds steadfastly to its commitment to secure better health for all our citizens;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join with the physical therapy profession to secure better health care for our entire community.

Operation Smile Week

Whereas, Operation Smile is a volunteer medical educational mission headquartered in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Operation Smile's medical volunteers from around the world travel each year to underdeveloped areas to treat indigent people; and

Whereas, through Operation Smile, thousands of children and adults have received specialized medical treatment for cleft lips and palates, orthopedic deformities, burn-scar contractures, and other serious deformities; and

Whereas, in the United States, Operation Smile volunteer surgeons, dentists and nurses treat thousands of indigent American children free of charge; and

Whereas, since its inception in 1982, Operation Smile has rallied the support of businesses, hospitals, schools, churches, civic groups, and individuals to this humanitarian cause;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to commemorate the charitable work of this organization.

Organ Donation Week

Whereas, there are many thousands of men, women and children on waiting lists for a life-saving organ/tissue donation that will provide them with a second chance; and

Whereas, it is unfortunate that in our society many people are unaware of the real need for organ donations, as the list of those requiring transplants grows every year; and

Whereas, it is recognized that being a donor is a personal decision, which should be discussed in advance with one's family; and

Whereas, only through education and increased public awareness can people make the decision to donate their organ/tissue and make the tremendous contribution of the gift-of-life;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone who makes the decision to donate their organ/tissue to sign their organ donor card and discuss their wishes with family and friends.

Whereas, the United States Department of Health and Human Services formed the "Workplace Partnership for Life" program to make donation information and materials readily available to businesses, organizations and agencies across America; and

Whereas, one donor of organs, eyes and tissue can save the lives of up to 8 people through their generous gift-of-life and enhance the lives of more than 40 people; and

Whereas, it is recognized that being a donor is a personal decision and it is important to discuss all end of life decisions, including organ donation, in advance with one's family to ensure they will be carried out;

Now, therefore ... encourage our residents to consider becoming organ, eye, tissue, marrow and blood donors and to tell their loved ones of their desires.

Ovarian Cancer Month

Whereas, ovarian cancer is the most serious gynecological cancer with no early detection test available; and

Whereas, founded in 1977, the National Ovarian Cancer Association has dedicated itself to overcoming ovarian cancer by providing leadership and support to women living with this disease and their families; and

Whereas, the National Ovarian Cancer Association has raised awareness in the general public and among health care professionals, and the Association funds research

into prevention, early detection and improved treatment that could ultimately lead to a cure and higher survival rate;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to participate in this very worthy cause.

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

Whereas, Parkinson's Disease affects over one million people with a Parkinson's patient diagnosed every nine minutes; and

Whereas, extensive research in laboratories all over the world has led to improved treatment in alleviating symptoms while searching for a cure; and

Whereas, The American Parkinson's Disease Association is devoted to research and education and also helps Parkinson's patients keep informed of ongoing research, available medications, and the importance of speech and physical therapy; and

Whereas, The American Parkinson's Disease Association has made every effort to find a cure through medical research;

Now, therefore ... urge our community to promote awareness to fight Parkinson's Disease, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Parkinson's Disease.

Pediatric Brain Tumor Day

Whereas, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the United States seeks to (1) find the cause of childhood brain tumors through the support of medical laboratory research; (2) increase public awareness about the severity and prevalence of childhood brain tumors; (3) aid in early detection and treatment of childhood brain tumors; (4) support a national database on all primary brain tumors; and (5) provide hope for the thousands of children and families affected by this life threatening disease; and

Whereas, every day a parent with a terminally ill child hopes that a cure will be found to heal his child; and

Whereas, dollars raised are used for research, and as a result of that scientific investigation, significant advancements have been made in understanding the cause of brain tumors and the treatment of patients;

Now, therefore ... commend the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the United States and their diligent staff and organizers for their commitment to beat childhood brain tumors.

Physical Fitness Day

Whereas, most Americans spend entirely too much time sitting, slumping, slouching, consuming non-nutritious or fattening food and generally becoming physically lazy, pudgy and out of condition; and

Whereas, simple remedies for these deplorable conditions are readily and cheaply available to almost everyone in the form of proper exercise and diet; and

Whereas, most of us fail to avail ourselves of these remedies; and

Whereas, a change in this general attitude is imperative;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to observe this day with appropriate activities.

Whereas, getting enough exercise is the second most pressing health concern of a large percentage of Americans; and

Whereas, Healthy Kids Day will teach families how to live healthier lives, improve the health of their communities, plan more nutritious meals, protect the environment, and incorporate physical activity in their lives;

Now, therefore ... urge families to strengthen family relationships by having fun together while learning how to incorporate good health and fitness into their lives.

Whereas, positive leisure experiences are vital to good physical and mental health enhancing the quality of life for all individuals; and

Whereas, the recreation and park profession has made a commitment to provide diverse fitness programs for youth of all abilities, enhancing their fitness and health; and

Whereas, recreation programming can help combat the problems of juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, and general depression by highlighting new avenues of interest for the youth of the community through the "exercise the right choice" substance abuse awareness and prevention campaign; and

Whereas, statistics show that inactivity combined with poor diet is second only to tobacco use in causing preventable deaths in the United States; and

Whereas, only half of American children exercise vigorously, and one quarter of them do not exercise at all; and

Whereas, the National Recreation and Park Association's Fun and Fitness Program has provided a model for further efforts encouraging a lifelong commitment to physical fitness;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to strengthen their commitment to fitness while having fun.

Prostrate Cancer Awareness Month

Whereas, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men; and

Whereas, about 25% of prostate cancer affects men under the age of 65, during their prime years at work and, at any age, deaths due to prostate cancer devastate families, through loss of income, partnership, and support; and

Whereas, mortality rates in African-American men are more than 2.5 times as high as rates in Caucasian men; and

Whereas, we do not fully understand the factors that contribute to the development and progression of prostate cancer into an aggressive disease, and additional research is important to refine the screening and treatment of prostate cancer and to ensure efficient delivery of these health care services by a unified standard of care; and

Whereas, all men in our community should have the opportunity to be screened for prostate cancer at an appropriate age, become aware of their own risks of prostate cancer, and talk to their health care providers about these risks; and

Whereas, education about prostate care and early detection strategies is crucial to saving men's lives and preserving and protecting our families;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join together to raise public awareness of the symptoms, prevention, and treatment of prostate cancer.

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Week

Whereas, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS/RSD), a heinous, progressive, multi-symptom, multi-system, neuromuscular disorder, is a debilitating disease simultaneously involving nerves, muscles, blood vessels, skin, bones and tissue; and

Whereas, RSDS/RSD attacks the sympathetic nervous system, causing it to become confused, leading to a variety of symptoms that may result in devastating consequences; and

Whereas, RSDS/RSD can develop after an injury, minor or major, and generally occurs in a limb. It may also be caused by infections, cuts, pricks of fingers or toes, soft tissue injuries, crush injuries, injury to any area rich in nerve endings, fractures, sprains, dislocations, broken bones, multiple trauma to a particular body part, some surgical procedures, invasive procedures, and repetitive motion disorders, such as that which causes Carpal Tunnel Syndrome; and

Whereas, if left untreated, or mistreated, RSDS/RSD begins to damage the surrounding tissues and can spread to other areas of the body and ultimately lead to total disability; and

Whereas, there is a short "window of time" during which RSDS/RSD can possibly be helped, usually within the first three months after onset;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to learn the disease and help promote a cure.

Rehabilitation Week

Whereas, Rehabilitation Week is calling special attention to the contributions of rehabilitation professionals who help improve the quality of life for people of all ages; and

Whereas, there are many public and private services that play an integral role throughout our state in providing comprehensive programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech/language pathology;

Now, therefore ... urge all public officials and citizens to join with the rehabilitation professionals to pledge continued support for quality health care.

Sickle Cell Week

Whereas, thousands of Americans have Sickle Cell Anemia; and

Whereas, this is a genetic disease and counseling is a must to translate scientific knowledge into practical information for persons or families who may be at risk for inheriting and/or affected by the disease; and

Whereas, many believe that social trends and changes mandate the need for health care providers to expand educational and service programs as well as individual preparation by working with other professionals and lay persons;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to learn more about this disease and its impact on victims and families.

Sight Day

Whereas, eyesight-related organizations are joining forces to draw attention to the significant issue of global blindness; and

Whereas, every five seconds, one person goes blind in the world; and

Whereas, through treatment and prevention, 80% of blindness is avoidable, and there is a new initiative and global partnership to raise awareness, mobilize resources and develop national blindness prevention programs to avoid an additional 100 million people from being blind by 2020;

Now, therefore ... acknowledge the world's efforts to prevent the rise of this disease and encourage everyone to participate in raising awareness of blindness.

Speech and Hearing Month

Whereas, speech/language pathologists and audiologists are the professionals who specialize in the identification and treatment of communication disorders, conditions that affect millions of Americans; and

Whereas, most people with communicative disorders, including hearing loss, speech impairments and related language deficiencies, can be helped through medical treatment, surgery, hearing aids or appropriate therapy; and

Whereas, since 1925, speech/language pathologists and audiologists have made an effort to inform and educate people about hearing, speech and language disorders; and

Whereas, with proper treatment, most people with communication disorders can lead full and productive lives;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to learn more about hearing, speech and language disorders and to join in the effort to create a more enlightened public attitude and response to this, our nation's most widespread malady.

Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month

Whereas, there are many people who are not aware of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus organizations that offer support, information and education programs and fund research to find ways to prevent and treat these conditions; and

Whereas, these organizations encourage everyone to learn more about these conditions and to appreciate the challenges faced by individuals affected by them;

Now, therefore ... recognize the work of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus organizations and their commitment to make a difference in the lives of individuals and their families affected by these serious, disabling conditions.

Therapeutic Recreation Week

Whereas, therapeutic recreation refers to the use of recreation services to improve or maintain physical, mental, emotional and social functions for those who experience limitations resulting from illness or disabilities; and

Whereas, these services are provided at a variety of treatment facilities, including residential and community-based health and human service agencies; and

Whereas, through a variety of programs, therapeutic recreation enhances the health, growth, development and independence of those involved in rehabilitation; and

Whereas, treatment programs strengthen functional abilities and assist in diagnosis while education programs aid in developing skills, knowledge and attitudes that facilitate independent lifestyles and vocational competence; and

Whereas, as a result of these comprehensive rehabilitation programs, individuals can be successfully re-integrated into their communities, thereby reducing the continued need for costly, specialized services; and

Whereas, the corresponding decrease in length of hospital stay and frequency of readmission reflects the individual's growth and independence;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize our therapeutic recreation specialists for their efforts in providing the highest quality health services for our citizens.

Whereas, therapeutic recreation is a professional human service which utilizes the specialized application of recreation services to improve, develop, and/or maintain physical, psychological, emotional, and/or social behaviors to assist individuals in establishing and expressing an independent lifestyle; and

Whereas, it helps to promote the growth and development of individuals whether young or old, male or female; and

Whereas, therapeutic recreation provides positive life experiences for people with special needs;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to learn how to promote a healthier, active and fulfilling life for all of us.

Vegetarian Education Day

Whereas, there exists a direct relationship between our diet and both personal and planetary well-being; and

Whereas, the U.S. Surgeon General recommends that Americans eat less saturated fat and cholesterol and more complex carbohydrates and fiber; and

Whereas, the American Dietetic Association affirms that a vegetarian diet meets all nutritional needs; and

Whereas, vegetarian diets have been associated with lower risk for chronic diseases such as coronary artery disease, obesity, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, colon and breast cancers; and

Whereas, consumers would clearly benefit from exploring a more healthful diet;

Now, therefore ... commend this observance to all our citizens.

Weight Loss Month

Whereas, millions of adult Americans are considered overweight; and

Whereas, overweight people face greater risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol levels, and even cancer; and

Whereas, the U.S. Surgeon General has identified the reduction of fat intake as the number one dietary priority of the nation;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize that losing weight is important to our citizens as weight loss can play a significant role in allowing people to live longer, healthier and more productive lives.

HISTORY

- **American History Month**
- **Preservation Week**
- **Women's History Month**

American History Month

Whereas, the backbone of this great nation of America is its history, upon which all of our accomplishments are based; and

Whereas, American History must be preserved and remembered by all, young and old; and

Whereas, the Daughters of the American Revolution is now and always has been a living history of the growth of our nation, and stresses the importance of remembering American History through such valuable community services as educational programs, essay contests and such; and

Whereas, both the importance of remembering American History, and the contributions made to our society by the Daughters of the American Revolution, should be duly noted;

Now, therefore ... urge all our residents to join in recognizing the community service performed by the Daughters of the American Revolution in our area.

Whereas, the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsors February as American History Month each year; and

Whereas, American History Month is an opportunity to stimulate in both young and old a sense of pride in our nation's great achievements and dedication to liberty; and to stress pride in the United States of America through community services in educational programs, essay contests and historic tours; and

Whereas, through the study of American History, we are made aware of the importance of Freedom, Equality, Justice and Humanity in all our lives today; and

Whereas, the importance of remembering American History Month should be duly noted;

Now, therefore ... urge our community to join in recognizing the importance of American History to our lives.

Preservation Week

Whereas, historic preservation gives the citizens of our community a deeper understanding of their diverse heritage and a greater appreciation of our unique historic and natural resources; and

Whereas, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, creating economic opportunities, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

Whereas, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to acknowledge the importance to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people.

Whereas, neighborhoods throughout our nation contribute significantly to local vitality through housing, recreational areas, cultural resources and commercial services and represent an important renewable resource; and

Whereas, neighborhood conservation requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of all residents; and

Whereas, neighborhood conservation is designed to help revitalize neighborhoods and increase community pride among residents; and

Whereas, preservation builds awareness among urban dwellers with the concerns of neighborhood history, the city's heritage, and the economic benefits realized by initiating improvements and restoring a community to a thriving condition;

Now, therefore ... urge our residents to help improve the quality of life in America's neighborhoods and historic districts.

Women's History Month

Whereas, March is celebrated as Women's History Month; and

Whereas, generations of women have helped to shape our culture, our traditions, our economy and our history; and

Whereas, women have expanded their choices of education and career paths, and at the same time have faced the challenges of balancing careers, families and community service; and

Whereas, today's women are creating new models for the women of tomorrow so that future generations of women will benefit from greater choices than previous generations;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to commend this observance.

Whereas, American women of every race, class and ethnic background helped found the nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nurses, nuns, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, soldiers and pioneers; and

Whereas, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of our nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside of the home; and

Whereas, American women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country; and

Whereas, American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement and the modern civil rights movement; and

Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies.

Whereas, on August 11, 1920, the 19th amendment was signed that gave all women in the United States the right to vote; and

Whereas, through persistence and dedicated effort, women have made great strides toward achieving that equality in recent years; and

Whereas, this day must be remembered along with the courageous efforts and persistence of the suffragists who worked for many years to win for women the right to vote; and

Whereas, over the years, women have continued to work for and to make gains toward equality through their hard work as a part of the labor force working in and outside the home; and

Whereas, this day is a time to reflect on the role that women have played in American history;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to continue to work toward equality for all people under the laws of our nation.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Community Development Week
Fair Housing Month
Habitat for Humanity Day
Home Ownership Week
Home Remodeling Month
Housing Now Day
New Homes Month**

Community Development Week

Whereas, the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs provide local governments with important and flexible resources to improve neighborhoods, develop affordable housing, provide economic opportunities, and meet other needs of low and moderate income residents; and

Whereas, our city has received CDBG and HOME funds to assist with the revitalization of several city neighborhoods, the rehabilitation or construction of hundreds of homes, and public services and economic opportunities reaching thousands of residents; and

Whereas, our city has entered into partnerships with many other local organizations in order to use these funds in the most effective, responsive and innovative ways to meet community needs;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to support this program and to celebrate the achievements of our other partners.

Whereas, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources necessary to meet the needs of persons of low and moderate income; and

Whereas, in the last several years, the federal government has reduced federal assistance to local governments; and

Whereas, the CDBG program has provided our community with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of our low and moderate income residents in funding neighborhood revitalization, housing rehabilitation, public facility improvements and social services; and

Whereas, during this time of constricted federal contributions to the task of meeting the needs of low and moderate income persons, the problems have grown as evidenced by the dwindling supply of affordable housing; and

Whereas, the improvements have increased the standard of living for many people in our community;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to support and learn more about this extremely worthwhile program.

Whereas, outstanding improvement has been taking place in the rural and suburban areas of this country for many years as a result of the self-help efforts of the local community clubs; and

Whereas, community pride and enthusiasm have been stimulated, community centers erected, youth programs developed, recreational facilities installed, beautification and cleanup campaigns conducted, senior citizen programs organized, and better living and home improvement projects encouraged; and

Whereas, the achievements of the community clubs have been widely recognized as outstanding examples of community cooperation and volunteer work and as models of "self-help" efforts that are of great benefit to all citizens; and

Whereas, maintaining and strengthening the Community Development Block Grant program in those areas already involved and expanding to other communities will contribute greatly to improve quality of life in our city;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to support and encourage the CDBG program.

Fair Housing Month

Whereas, the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Laws, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, established the right to equal housing opportunities for all citizens; and

Whereas, this law guarantees that housing throughout the United States should be made available to all citizens without regard to race, color, religion, sex, family status, handicapping conditions or national origin; and

Whereas, citizens in our community should continue to work together to uphold the Fair Housing Law and the principle of equal opportunity on which it is based; and

Whereas, barriers which diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to support the principles of fair housing opportunities for all.

Habitat for Humanity Day

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit organization, has made the dream of home ownership a reality for more than half a million people in more than 3,000 towns, cities and villages in more than 80 countries worldwide; and

Whereas, it is a mission of Habitat for Humanity to eliminate substandard and poverty housing worldwide by building simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with those in need of adequate shelter; and

Whereas, Habitat houses are purchased by the homeowner families and are sold at no profit with no interest charged on the mortgage;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to recognize Habitat for Humanity for its service, which greatly benefits the disadvantaged.

Home Ownership Week

Whereas, home ownership strengthens families, stabilizes neighborhoods, builds communities and promotes personal well-being; and

Whereas, home ownership also fosters economic prosperity for families and communities and generates economic growth;

Now, therefore ... recognize this special observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Home Remodeling Month

Whereas, the number of existing homes and apartments in the United States exceeds over one hundred million units; and

Whereas, American households spend billions of dollars on maintaining and improving their homes; and

Whereas, professional remodeling contractors provide a valuable service to homeowners and their communities in contributing to the maintenance, value and beauty of their homes; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize and select qualified remodelors;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to research the availability of accurate consumer information and the many benefits of a professionally remodeled home.

Housing Now Day

Whereas, there is an increase in homelessness among individuals and families; and

Whereas, homeless families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population; and

Whereas, one in every four homeless persons is a child who deserves a better start in life, and as a nation it is our responsibility to care for the vulnerable in our society; and

Whereas, one in every four homeless persons is a veteran who has served our country; and

Whereas, one in every four homeless persons is severely mentally ill and in need of services as well as housing; and

Whereas, shelters are only a temporary solution to homelessness, and more affordable housing, including transitional housing, public housing and housing for the mentally ill, is needed, as well as job training and health care for the homeless and near homeless;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens, local businesses and industry to join in an all out effort to end homelessness in our community.

New Homes Month

Whereas, the Home Builders Association has provided economic growth to the community by employing its citizens and building new homes; and

Whereas, they have strived to provide better housing and public facilities such as parks, schools and libraries for all citizens in the community; and

Whereas, our citizens recognize the home building industry and its vitality to civic and economic progress in our community;

Now, therefore ... urge the citizens of our city to recognize this month dedicated to the building of better homes and quality of life for our community.

MEMORIALS

- **Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust**
- **Firefighter Memorial Sunday**
- **Miscellaneous**
- **We Will Never Forget Day**

Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust

Whereas, six million Jews were sacrificed and affected by the Holocaust; and

Whereas, aside from those who perished in the concentration camps, there were those who struggled, and survived but suffered the loss of loved ones; and

Whereas, our community should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors will never be repeated; and

Whereas, for all of us, their death, and the struggle symbolizes the courage and indestructible spirit of those striving for freedom;

Now, therefore ... urge our community to remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny, recognizing that tyranny provides a breeding ground for bigotry to flourish.

Firefighter Memorial Sunday

Whereas, firefighters are involved in one of the most hazardous occupations; and

Whereas, firefighters can, at any time and during any emergency, be called on to sacrifice their lives in the performance of their lifesaving duties;

Now, therefore ... it is appropriate to honor firefighters who have given their lives in the performance of their duties.

Miscellaneous

Whereas, on behalf of our community, we wish to record our deep sorrow over the passing of ____ on ____; and

Whereas, ____ was employed by the ____ and retired on ____; and

Whereas, ____'s life was dedicated to the best interests of the community; and

Whereas, our community is grateful for his many contributions to our community;

Now, therefore ... in recognition of ____'s contributions to our community and its citizens, we hereby express our deep appreciation for his service to our community and extend to his family our sincere sympathy upon his passing.

Whereas, our community wishes to show its sorrow of the passing of ____; and

Whereas, ____ faithfully served our city for ____ years in various capacities until his retirement in ____; and

Whereas, during his tenure with our city, ____ developed/promoted public service projects too numerous to list; and

Whereas, ____ demonstrated his concern for the welfare and well-being of his fellow citizens by his actions both in his private life and by his participation in numerous civic organizations and projects of both local and statewide nature; and

Whereas, the City of ____ is deeply indebted to ____ for his service to our community; and

Whereas, ____'s service was given with such devotion that he earned the respect, admiration and friendship of all the citizens of our community through his professional leadership and dedication;

Now, therefore ... in recognition of ____'s many contributions to our city and its citizens, we hereby express our deep appreciation for his dedication to the progress of this community and extend to his family our sincere sympathy upon his passing.

Whereas, on behalf of the City of ____, we wish to extend our sincere condolences over the passing of ____; and

Whereas, ____'s death leaves our community with a deep feeling of sorrow for the loss of such an honored and respected citizen; and

Whereas, ____ served this community in various capacities, too numerous to list, but which would include ____; and

Whereas, ____ earned the respect, admiration and high regard of all with whom he came into contact, and our community has sustained a great loss in his death;

Now, therefore ... extend our sincere sympathies upon ____'s passing.

Whereas, the people of our city have been shocked and grieved by the death of ____, an honored and respected citizen of our city; and

Whereas, ____ devoted his life to his spouse, children and grandchildren; and

Whereas, ____ was an active member of the ____ Church; and

Whereas, ____ dedicated his life to the best interests of the community; and

Whereas, ____ received many awards, including ____; and

Whereas, ___ was a shining example of a person who demonstrated how much he cared for his community by his continuous efforts to improve it;

Now, therefore ...extend to his family our sincere sympathy upon his passing.

Whereas, ___ set a standard for commitment to public service throughout his career and gave much to the community in terms of his leadership and talents; and

Whereas, since his passing, many people who knew ___ have sought an appropriate means of memorializing his great contributions to the community; and

Whereas, these friends are working toward a scholarship in ___'s memory;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support the fund drive with their time.

We Will Never Forget Day

Whereas, in an unprovoked and senseless act of terrorism, four civilian aircraft were hijacked on September 11, 2001, and crashed in New York City, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon, resulting in a momentous loss of innocent U.S. lives of all heritages; and

Whereas, while we still continue to recover from the loss of innocent lives, the spirit of the U.S. has been revitalized, giving way to expressions of patriotism; and

Whereas, inspired by the heroism of our firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members and others, our nation found unity and strength; and

Whereas, from the tragedy of September 11 emerged a stronger nation, renewed by a spirit of national pride, and a true love of country; and

Whereas, Americans also have fought back against terror by choosing to overcome evil with good by loving their neighbors as they would like to be loved, contributing to relief efforts, and volunteering their time to aid those in need;

Now, therefore ... salute the heroism of public safety and rescue workers, volunteers, local officials, and those who responded to these tragic events with courage, selfless compassion, determination, and skill.

Whereas, the threat of terrorism, destruction, and senseless violence must be banished for any free society to exist; and

Whereas, our community shares in the grief and will commemorate the ___-year anniversary of the September 11 tragedies;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to set aside September 11 as a day to mourn, reflect and rededicate ourselves to ending terrorism, and honor the victims of September 11 by reaffirming our commitment to sustaining our newfound patriotism.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Be Kind to Animals Week
- Character Counts Week
- Creative and Innovation Week
- Dairy Month
- Family Week
- Farm-City Week
- Food Bank Week
- Forgiveness Week
- Parents Without Partners Week
- Philanthropy Day
- Pornography Awareness Week
- Private Property Week
- Respect for Law Week
- Unfunded Mandates Day
- United States Power Squadrons Day

Be Kind to Animals Week

Whereas, our humane society promotes responsible care, honors the outstanding contributions of people on behalf of animals and the animals themselves, and celebrates the importance of animals in our lives; and

Whereas, the humane society is dedicated to the care and protection of all animals and the prevention of cruelty and suffering; and

Whereas, the humane society provides a safe haven for lost, injured, homeless and abandoned animals in our community and surrounding area; and

Whereas, the humane society offers a wide variety of services including adoption, emergency rescue, spay/neuter, fostering, and education;

Now, therefore ... urge residents to be responsible pet owners.

Whereas, organizations are drawing attention to the plight of animals and to underscore the relationship between animal cruelty and other crimes of violence; and

Whereas, organizations encourage government and all residents of our community to work cooperatively to ensure that our community is a place where cruelty is neither prevalent nor tolerated;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to help our animal friends.

Character Counts Week

Whereas, the next generation will be the stewards of our communities, nation, and planet in extraordinarily critical times, and the present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good moral character; and

Whereas, people do not automatically develop good moral character - conscientious efforts must be made to help young people develop the values and abilities necessary for moral decision-making and conduct; and

Whereas, effective character education is based on the core ethical values which comprise the "six pillars of character" and form the foundation of democratic society: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship; and

Whereas, the character and conduct of our youth reflect the character and conduct of society; every adult has the responsibility to model the core ethical values, and every social and governmental institution has the responsibility to promote the development of good character; and

Whereas, character education is, first and foremost, an obligation of families; it is also an important obligation of governmental entities as well as schools, businesses, faith communities, and youth and human service organizations; and

Whereas, businesses, large or small, in the public or private sector will benefit from a work force that manifests the six core ethical values;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to embrace these six pillars of character.

Creativity and Innovation Week

Whereas, the unlimited creative potential of all people is one of the most abundant, yet under-utilized resource and should be nurtured, recognized, and encouraged; and

Whereas, creative expression and approaches to applied imagination and innovation help people gain new perspective, see new choices, and make new decisions, giving each person the potential to improve his life and his community; and

Whereas, creativity stimulates innovation, creating new dimensions of performance across all disciplines of life, and it is innovation that presents new ideas important to the vibrancy and vitality of our community and its success; and

Whereas, creativity is a central factor of our ability to continue to adapt to the changing environment;

Now, therefore ... recognize the unlimited creative potential within each of us.

Dairy Month

Whereas, dairying provides a livelihood for many of our citizens either directly on the farm or indirectly with many of the dairy-related businesses; and

Whereas, for many years, June has been declared dairy month throughout the United States in recognition of the importance of this agricultural segment to the economy and to the nutrition of our children; and

Whereas, milk is one of mankind's oldest and most essential foods, having first arrived in America in 1611;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to support the efforts of this industry in its valuable role in the overall farm economy of our region.

Family Week

Whereas, the family is a child's first classroom; and

Whereas, through our families, our children learn to choose right from wrong, and to care for, and share with one another; and

Whereas, what children experience in the home will guide and influence their choices and actions for the rest of their lives; and

Whereas, in a society threatened by crime, substance abuse and economic difficulty, the family often serves as a source of encouragement and strength; and

Whereas, whatever problems they face, family members can provide guidance and support for one another; and

Whereas, the family will always be the fundamental source of love, security, and acceptance; and

Whereas, families are the building blocks with which our societal values and rules of behavior are built; therefore, strong families are critical to maintaining a strong society; and

Whereas, we must therefore work together to combat substance abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, and other forces that can rip our families apart;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to strengthen the bonds that unite their own family and other families in the community.

Whereas, the family is the basic unit of society; and

Whereas, strong families strengthen society, and troubled families need a caring society; and

Whereas, sensitivity and attention to the concerns of families are desirable characteristics of supporters of strong family life;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support and strengthen our families in order to build stronger communities and a brighter future for our state, our nation, and ourselves.

Whereas, families provide life, love, unity, and security; and

Whereas, a family's well-being is vital to the strength and success of our community; and

Whereas, community programs that help families, in partnership with local government, can help to assure that all families keep healthy and that our community is a safe place to live;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and programs in appreciation of our community's families.

Whereas, the breakdown of the family is a major factor contributing to the rise of crime, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, and suicide among our nation's youth; and

Whereas, the values of sacrificial love and truth are fundamental in developing the moral character necessary for forming and maintaining the family unit; and

Whereas, parents, by their example of sacrificial love and the transmission of moral and cultural values, play a crucial and determinant role in the development of youth; and

Whereas, our community has a long tradition in law and public policy of supporting the institution of the family and the responsibility of parents;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to dedicate themselves to their families by training young people to be responsible and productive citizens.

Whereas, since much of the fundamental education of the child occurs within the family, parents should be the primary sex educators of their children; and

Whereas, our community has the responsibility to help parents and children effectively communicate about issues of sexuality, decision-making, and responsible parenthood;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to give families support in this vital area of parenting to improve the quality of family life.

Farm-City Week

Whereas, the prosperity and well-being of this community are dependent upon cooperation between the two great elements of our society - farmers and urban people; and

Whereas, the complexities of their individual problems and the divergence of their activities have led to a widening gulf of misunderstanding; and

Whereas, this gulf of misunderstanding must be eliminated, and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to reacquaint themselves.

Food Bank Week

Whereas, millions of Americans need supplemental assistance at some time during each month; and

Whereas, food banks solicit and distribute surplus and donated food from food industries and individuals to food programs serving the needy in our community; and

Whereas, these agencies provide food for people in need, including children, the elderly, victims of family violence and natural disasters, the mentally and physically impaired, the newly unemployed, the working poor, and the homeless; and

Whereas, food banks are committed to increasing public awareness and understanding of the hunger problem as it exists in our communities;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the contributions of our local food banks, their volunteers and paid staff, their board of directors, and their donors in the fight to feed the hungry in our community.

Forgiveness Week

Whereas, Forgiveness Week began in New York City in 1979 at an interfaith gathering, then spread to many cities and countries of the world; and

Whereas, the week proposes the willingness to forgive and be forgiven; and

Whereas, forgiveness is the key to happiness; and

Whereas, forgiveness of self, family and friends, and forgiveness across economic, cultural, and political lines is an important contribution to individual and global peace;

Now, therefore ... urge our people to adopt the attitude of forgiving to help bring about both inner peace and world peace.

Parents Without Partners Week

Whereas, Parents without Partners International, Inc. continues its devotion to the principles of self-help for the welfare and interests of single parents and their children; and

Whereas, the status of single parenthood, however conferred upon our citizens, often will isolate parents to some degree in our society and create greater difficulty for themselves and their children to have a reasonable equivalence of a normal life; and

Whereas, conscientious single parents have for their primary endeavor to bring their children to healthy maturity with the full sense of being loved and accepted as persons, and with the same prospects for normal adulthood as children who mature with their two parents together;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to work together through the exchange of ideas and through mutual understanding.

Philanthropy Day

Whereas, philanthropy is love of humankind, and it happens when people help each other through contributions of time and money to worthy causes; and

Whereas, our community's heritage is filled with stories of people who have voluntarily helped others and contributed to the common good; and

Whereas, we have helped raise barns, put out fires, created schools and hospitals, and supported churches, theaters, and museums; and

Whereas, general residents in our community are from all walks of life – from the wealthy to those of modest means; and

Whereas, philanthropy creates an endless circle of caring in which people are inspired to pass on to others the kind of goodness they have received; and

Whereas, philanthropy gives voice and vision to moral purpose;

Now, therefore ... encourage the residents of our community to honor those who sustain the tradition of caring and to share our hope of a better life for all.

Whereas, charitable, non-profit groups play an important role in our lives and often need financial assistance in order to continue their good deeds; and

Whereas, a community-wide collaboration has been created to celebrate the idea that everyone can be a philanthropist, and to educate people to make planned gifts reflecting their interests; and

Whereas, these gifts will benefit the individual, the family, and the community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to leave a legacy in your will to continue helping organizations that are making an important difference in our community.

Pornography Awareness Week

Whereas, pornography presents youth with a false and distorted image of human sexuality, devoid of love, commitment, and responsibility; and

Whereas, pornography contributes to the breakup of marriages; and

Whereas, much pornography features and promotes sexual violence and other irresponsible behavior in an era of increasing sexual violence and an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases; and

Whereas, there are federal obscenity laws against illegal hardcore pornography to protect public safety, public health, and public morality; and

Whereas, these obscenity laws are grounded in contemporary community standards of decency;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support the enforcement of obscenity laws.

Private Property Week

Whereas, the fundamental freedoms of the residents in our community and their fellow Americans are embodied in the concept of "Private Property Rights – Protect Them;" and

Whereas, this concept is perhaps nowhere more personally meaningful than in the right of each of us to own real property; and

Whereas, this cherished legacy, bequeathed to us by our colonial forefathers, carries the obligation to preserve the land upon which our lives depend;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to promote public awareness that we not only have the right to own real property, but to guard this prerogative from any infringement, political or personal.

Whereas, we Americans enjoy the freedom to own private property and the right to use or transfer it as we see fit; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that we remind ourselves of this precious freedom; and

Whereas, with this ownership comes the need to protect our private property rights; and

Whereas, with these rights often comes the desire to improve property – whether homes, farms, shopping centers, industrial plants or office buildings – and by doing so, enhance the value of such property; and

Whereas, our community should also be mindful of this value, not only in a monetary sense, but in the sense of the inherent worth of property as it pertains to the enjoyment of life locally;

Now, therefore ... remind all our citizens of their freedom to own private property, the importance to protect the rights that accompany this ownership and their awareness of the value of improving such property.

Respect for Law Week

Whereas, crime and its effect upon the lives and property of our citizens is of the utmost concern to our city, and the continued efforts of our local government, citizens' organizations, and individuals to curb this problem are greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, the problems of crime touch and affect all segments of our society and can undermine and erode the moral and economic strengths of our communities and their citizens if unabated; and

Whereas, public awareness and determination to maintain the faith in the preservation of law and order and appreciation of the importance of law enforcement officers and their role in preserving social order in a democracy is everyone's responsibility; and

Whereas, our community needs to continue to sponsor and support programs aimed at combating crime and disrespect for law through year-round efforts;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to carry the message of respect for law to other citizens, and by example, exercise responsible citizenship.

Whereas, clubs have been exerting positive leadership by encouraging citizens to become actively involved in combating crime; and

Whereas, the first step in creating a climate in which respect for law can exist is through establishing full cooperation between citizens and their local law enforcement officers; and

Whereas, in areas where this cooperation has been accomplished, a measurable decrease in the rate of crime has been noted; and

Whereas, the Respect for Law Program was initiated in reaction to public apathy towards the increasing problems of crime; and

Whereas, civic groups throughout the United States have become actively involved in programs and projects to combat disrespect for law and public apathy towards crime; and

Whereas, the Respect for Law Program emphasizes the need for citizens to demand good law enforcement and to offer cooperation in every possible way;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to commemorate this observance with appropriate activities.

Unfunded Mandates Day

Whereas, unfunded mandates on state and local governments have increased significantly in recent years; and

Whereas, federal mandates require cities and towns to perform duties without consideration of local circumstances, costs or capacity, and subject municipalities to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance; and

Whereas, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health, welfare and safety of municipal citizens; and

Whereas, excessive federal burdens on local governments force some combination of higher local taxes and fees and/or reduced local services on citizens and local taxpayers; and

Whereas, federal mandates are too often inflexible, one-size-fits-all requirements that impose unrealistic time frames, and specify procedures or facilities where less costly alternatives might be just as effective; and

Whereas, existing mandates impose harsh pressures on local budgets; and

Whereas, the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory actions directly affect the citizens of our cities and towns;

Now, therefore ... urge our residents to endorse local officials in contacting members of the congressional delegation to educate them about the impact of federal mandates on our citizens.

United States Power Squadrons Day

Whereas, the United States Power Squadrons was founded on February 2, 1914, by recreational boaters who wanted to make America's waterways safer; and

Whereas, the organization has grown in the ensuing decades to become the world's largest private boating organization; and

Whereas, the United States Power Squadrons has evolved an extensive nautical educational program, administered by its members, to improve the knowledge and skills of boaters; and

Whereas, the United States Power Squadrons served the nation in both World Wars by opening its educational courses to members of the armed forces for the study of seamanship and navigation;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to learn more about the United States Power Squadrons and its contribution to our community.

OCCUPATION

- **Amateur Radio Recognition Week**
- **Chemistry Week**
- **Child Care Worker Appreciation Day**
- **Dental Assistants Recognition Week**
- **Educator Appreciation Month**
- **Emergency Nurses Week**
- **Enterostomal Therapy Nurse Day**
- **Extension Homemakers Week**
- **Firefighter/Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Week**
- **Health Care Food Service Employee Week**
- **Housekeeper's Week**
- **Hotel Workers Day**
- **Insurance Women's Week**
- **Laboratory Personnel Week**
- **Massage Therapy Awareness Day**
- **Medical Staff Services Awareness Week**
- **Medical Transcriptionist Week**
- **Municipal Clerks Week**
- **Nurse Assistant Week**
- **Nurses' Day**
- **Nurse-Midwifery Week**
- **Occupational Therapy Week**
- **Oncology Nurses Day**
- **Operating Room Nurse Day**
- **Opticians Month**
- **Physician Assistant Day**
- **Physical Therapy Association Week**
- **Planning Appreciation Week**
- **Police Officers Week**
- **Post Anesthesia Nurses Day**
- **Public Safety Telecommunicator Week**
- **Public Service Day**
- **Public Works Week**
- **Radiologic Technology Week**
- **School Psychology Week**
- **School Social Workers Week**
- **Secretaries Week**
- **Service Corps of Retired Executives Week**
- **Social Workers Month**
- **Surveyor's Week**
- **Taxi Driver Appreciation Day**
- **Travel Agent Appreciation Week**
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **Transit Appreciation Day**
- **Women in Fire Suppression Week**

Amateur Radio Recognition Week

Whereas, amateur radio volunteers can provide life-saving communications; and

Whereas, the hobby of amateur radio has been designated a “valued national resource” by the United States Congress; and

Whereas, amateur radio volunteers have proven their ability in numerous situations to supplement official communications during times of natural disaster; and

Whereas, amateur radio operators provide communications for a wide range of events and functions, without cost to the groups they assist;

Now, therefore ... commend the hundreds of “ham” radio operators for their commitment to public and community service.

Chemistry Week

Whereas, through much of the history of our nation, the American people have depended on science and technology for prosperity and a brighter future; and

Whereas, the science of chemistry has helped us achieve our modern society, by lightening difficult tasks; assuring an abundance of foods; contributing to our homes, clothing, energy supplies, and our health; and providing myriad of new materials for our use on earth and in space exploration as well;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the contribution of chemistry, and wish the chemists and chemical engineers of our community all best auspices in their search for new knowledge that will be of benefit to all peoples of the world.

Child Care Worker Appreciation Day

Whereas, high quality, regulated child care contributes to the intellectual, emotional, social and physical development of our young children, and provides them with important benefits that will last them their entire lives; and

Whereas, child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, child care workers, and the community by supporting quality of life so that everyone can contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

Whereas, studies show that trained child care workers are the most important element in quality child care, and good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction, increased morale, and lower staff turnover;

Now, therefore ... acknowledge the influence and dedication of child care workers to children and families and the enriched quality of life of the community.

Dental Assistants Recognition Week

Whereas, dental assistants, working with the dental profession, play an important part in maintaining the dental health of our community; and

Whereas, dental assistants, through their skills and knowledge, make dental care possible for increasing numbers of our citizens; and

Whereas, for over 76 years the American Dental Assistants Association has encouraged and made possible continuing education for dental assistants in order to enhance the delivery of dental health care to the public;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize dental assistants.

Educator Appreciation Month

Whereas, education is a never-ending process, and those individuals who are the most content are those who continue to develop their intellectual capacities, grow with the times in which they live, and work to achieve their highest potential; and

Whereas, the public schools, and those who are employed in the public schools, are important and integral parts of our society; and

Whereas, the concept of a free and equal education is an American tradition and this country's strength; and

Whereas, schools and communities must work together to better education; and

Whereas, the citizens have a responsibility for the education of their children; and

Whereas, school employees – bus drivers, custodians, teacher assistants, cafeteria staff, teachers, support staff, maintenance staff, and administration – all play an important role in educating our youth;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to make a commitment to public education.

Emergency Nurses Week

Whereas, emergency nurses have an impact on the lives of their patients and our community; and

Whereas, emergency nurses are exceptional individuals committed to quality patient care, and go above and beyond their normal duties in times of crisis; and

Whereas, emergency nurses demonstrate their professionalism, concern, and compassion and continually strive to upgrade standards of practice and improve services to patients in our community; and

Whereas, emergency nurses desire to educate the public in the prevention and treatment of injury and illness and the effective and proper use of emergency services;

Now, therefore ... recognize the tremendous contribution emergency nurses make in caring for our friends, families and loved ones.

Enterostomal Therapy Nurse Day

Whereas, Enterostomal Therapy (ET) nurses are committed to providing compassionate care to patients with ostomies, draining wounds, pressure sores, and incontinence; and

Whereas, ET nurses are endeavoring to make the public aware about the care and rehabilitation of patients with these conditions and promote the prevention of illness which leads to these conditions; and

Whereas, ET nurses have forcefully demonstrated their professionalism and compassion and always strive to upgrade standards of practice and improve services;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the special care and guidance that ET nurses provide to help their patients live more complete and normal lives.

Extension Homemakers Week

Whereas, the achievements of Extension Homemakers in our community have been widely recognized as outstanding examples in community programs; and

Whereas, Extension Homemakers donate numerous hours of volunteer time in maintaining and strengthening their program, organizing programs to benefit the citizens of our community, and supporting community projects; and

Whereas, Extension Homemakers are actively involved in educational information and community service; citizenship and community outreach; cultural arts; textiles and clothing; family life; family resource management; health; food and nutrition; housing; energy and environment; public relations; and safety; and

Whereas, Extension Homemakers will strive to promote a better way of life for all through fellowship, continuing education and service, and provide guidance in their homes and communities for the uniting of people to make the world a better place in which to live;

Now, therefore ... encourage efforts to expand the concept of education, volunteer/leadership development and community service.

Firefighter/Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Week

Whereas, each year residents and visitors to our community may require emergency medical care for traumatic injuries, burns, poisonings, spinal cord injuries, heart attacks and other critical medical emergencies; and

Whereas, emergency care personnel, including emergency medical dispatchers, medical responders, EMTs, EMT-Ds, EMT-Is, EMT-Ps, emergency department nurses and physicians, whether volunteers or paid personnel, give selflessly of themselves for the welfare of others; and

Whereas, the citizens of our community benefit from the knowledge, skills, and dedication of these emergency medical services specialists, as they work together to ensure prompt and appropriate treatment at the scene, on the way to the hospital, and in the emergency department; and

Whereas, advances in emergency medical care have increased the number of lives saved each year;

Now, therefore ... encourage our community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Whereas, the intervention of firefighters and paramedics can literally make the difference between life and death in many emergency medical crises; and

Whereas, our emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, nurses, fire department emergency medical technicians, paramedics, educators and administrators; and

Whereas, our community benefits daily from the knowledge and skill of these trained individuals; and

Whereas, the professional organizations of providers of emergency medical services promote research to improve and adopt their skills as new methods of emergency treatment are developed; and

Whereas, it is the combination of city, county, public, private, professional, and para-professional resources that makes our community's emergency medical services system successful;

Now, therefore ... reassert the support of every individual, agency, and institution that plays a role in the delivery of emergency medical care to people who live, work or visit our community.

Whereas, firefighters are engaged in one of the most hazardous occupations in the United States; and

Whereas, firefighters can, at any time and during any emergency, be called on to sacrifice their lives in the performance of their lifesaving duties;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to carry the message of respect for firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to other citizens, and by example, exercise responsible citizenship.

Health Care Food Service Employee Week

Whereas, one of the primary elements of patient recovery and health care is maintaining a proper diet; and

Whereas, research shows that a proper diet has a major impact on the health of individuals; and

Whereas, health care food service employees represent food service administrators, dietitians, dietetic technicians, assistants, and food service employees; and

Whereas, these employees work in hospitals and rest homes across our state ensuring that patients are provided with the nutritional balance they need to speed their recovery and maintain good eating habits; and

Whereas, food service employees contain the rising cost of medical care by performing a variety of functions and employing cost saving efforts, energy conservation, and expense reductions; and

Whereas, thousands of hospital staff members and visitors are served by our employees in cafeterias, caterings, and vending operations throughout our state;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the importance of food service employees.

Housekeeper's Week

Whereas, working men and women concerned with the many facets of housekeeping on a massive scale constitute a large segment of our working force; and

Whereas, included in the major goals of executive housekeepers are educational activities, professional standards and better training methods to raise the standard of employee efficiency;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to express their appreciation of the leadership and outstanding contributions of these dedicated men and women in the fields of endeavor.

Hotel Workers Day

Whereas, the City of __ supports our hotel workers as they build our hospitality industry based on skill development, opportunities for career advancement, stable employment conditions, and equitably shared prosperity for employers and workers; and

Whereas, our hotel workers reflect the multicultural diversity that enriches our great city and the sharing of cultural legacies, celebrating the differences that make our community a culturally diverse city; and

Whereas, our hotel workers drive the economic growth of the tourism sector through their warm welcome and the exceptional service they provide to visitors;

Now, therefore ... recognize the invaluable contribution hotel workers make to our successful tourism industry and our city.

Insurance Women's Week

Whereas, women play a most important part in the insurance industry; and

Whereas, they are not only effective locally and statewide in related fields, such as fire protection, safety and crime prevention, but also have made themselves effectively nationally;

Now, therefore ... commend and recognize their outstanding accomplishments in this truly professional field.

Laboratory Personnel Week

Whereas, the work of medical laboratory personnel has been poorly recognized; it is a valuable part of the medial community; and

Whereas, laboratory personnel are one of the most hard working members of a great hospital team;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the importance of laboratory personnel.

Whereas, there are thousands of certified laboratory personnel in the United States, including pathologists, medical technologists, medical laboratory scientists, specialists, technicians, and assistants in clinical laboratory science; and

Whereas, these dedicated health professionals make a substantial contribution to quality health care in this country by providing dependable laboratory test results essential to the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease; and

Whereas, these individuals offer a vital health service to the American people;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize these health professionals.

Whereas, the health of all Americans depends upon educated minds and trained hands; and

Whereas, the practice of modern medicine at the exacting standards we now enjoy would be impossible without the scientific tests performed daily in the medical laboratory; and

Whereas, maintenance of these standards and progress towards improvement in the quality of laboratory services depends on the dedicated efforts of professional clinical laboratory scientists; and

Whereas, through this dedication, the medical laboratories of the United States have made a vital contribution to the quality of health care;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to recognize and support the vital service provided by the laboratory practitioner for the benefit of all citizens.

Massage Therapy Awareness Day

Whereas, physicians are prescribing therapeutic massage to complement traditional medical treatment for illness, injury, and pain; and

Whereas, massage therapy has become an important part of work-related stress relief and recovery from sports-related injuries; and

Whereas, consumers are spending billions of dollars annually on massage therapy and insurance companies are increasing covering it; and

Whereas, research has proved that massage is helpful in controlling pain, relieving stress and reducing heart rate and blood pressure; and

Whereas, benefits of massage therapy have also been studied on people with lower back pain, migraines and AIDS and cancer patients, among others;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize massage therapists for helping consumers and the health professionals.

Medical Staff Services Awareness Week

Whereas, there are thousands of certified medical staff coordinators across the United States whose purpose is to enhance the professionalism and efficiency of health care in the United States; and

Whereas, the health care industry, especially hospital and medical staff personnel, has experienced tremendous change and challenges in recent years; and

Whereas, the role of medical staff services personnel has become essential to effective health care management; and

Whereas, complex legal, financial, and regulatory requirements have greatly increased the need for expanded administration of medical staff functions; and

Whereas, encouraging professional development for medical staff services personnel is essential for effective, productive, and competent hospital and medical staffs;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to recognize the valuable and important role of the medical staff services profession across the United States.

Medical Transcriptionist Week

Whereas, record keeping is a vital function in our society, and one of the most important records for every American is the medical record; and

Whereas, that record, including reports prepared and edited by a medical transcriptionist from physician dictation, is the permanent history of a patient's medical care; and

Whereas, a century ago, physicians knew many of their patients from birth, knew all their ailments, and provided their medical care; and

Whereas, today, with medical specialization and great mobility among people, many skilled physicians may treat the average American only once during a lifetime; and

Whereas, using transcribed medical reports, each physician can easily and quickly review a patient's medical history even if the physician has never seen that patient before; and

Whereas, because of the work done by trained medical transcriptionists, patients can be assured that the history of their medical care is portrayed accurately and legibly; and

Whereas, medical transcriptionists have, therefore, become a vital link between the physician and the patient;

Now, therefore ... recognize the contributions of medical transcriptionists and the vital function they perform.

Municipal Clerks Week

Whereas, the office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government, exists throughout the world; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governments, and agencies of government at other levels; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and the community; and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, province, county, and international professional organizations; and

Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of our Municipal Clerk;

Now, therefore ... extend appreciation for the outstanding performance of our Municipal Clerk, ____, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Whereas, the Office of the Municipal Clerk consistently and efficiently serves its local legislative body, the municipal staff and the general public by recording the actions of the council, commissions, and committees; maintaining them for reference and

inspection; and preserving them for the historical continuity that can be passed to future municipal officials and staff members; and

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk and his staff have, through dedicated effort and a sense of professionalism, continuously updated their skills and technical knowledge to prepare for the changes in the 2000s;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the Municipal Clerk's outstanding contribution and dedication to public service for the community.

Nurse Assistant Week

Whereas, the nursing home and other long-term care facilities and agencies in our community have accepted responsibility for providing care for many of our frail, elderly, and chronically ill citizens; and

Whereas, many nurse assistants in the nursing home and other long-term care facilities and agencies continue to demonstrate consistency and predictability of care and a meaningful lifespan for these citizens; and

Whereas, the conscientious nurse assistant, home care aide or caregiver contributes to the quality of life and the quality of care of these citizens;

Now, therefore ... encourage our residents to recognize the quality care given to our citizens in long-term care facilities by nurse assistants.

Whereas, the well-being and happiness of our citizens in long-term care facilities depend, in large part, on the nursing assistant who provides daily, conscientious, hands-on care in nursing homes, and other long-term care settings; and

Whereas, career nursing assistants are instrumental in promoting and safeguarding the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being of the residents, clients and their families; and

Whereas, nursing assistants are trained professionals who collaborate closely with other health care providers to provide quality care and elevate the status of their chosen vocations as reflected in their code of ethics;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to express encouragement and appreciation for the services performed by nursing assistants in the public good.

Nurses' Day

Whereas, registered nurses are knowledgeable health care professionals who are leaders in the management and delivery of health care services; and

Whereas, registered nurses are striving to meet the challenges of an ever evolving health care system while continuing to provide safe, dependable, conscientious care for each of us at affordable rates; and

Whereas, the demand for nursing services is escalating in light of changes in the financing of health care services; and

Whereas, the supply of nurses is not keeping pace with the demand, and there is an urgent need, not only to recruit well-qualified candidates into the profession, but also to retain nurses in the workplace;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the contributions of registered nurses in the delivery of quality, affordable health care for the nation's citizens.

Nurse-Midwifery Week

Whereas, the health and safety of childbearing families is of paramount importance in our society; and

Whereas, certified nurse-midwives have demonstrated their ability to provide high quality care to women throughout their childbearing years and infants; and

Whereas, certified nurse-midwives' commitment to personalized care, ongoing patient and family education, and promotion of individual responsibility for health makes them a valuable part of the health care team and makes their services increasingly in demand by the public; and

Whereas, nurse-midwifery care has a proven record in reducing infant mortality and morbidity; and

Whereas, certified nurse-midwives' contributions in providing care to socially and economically disadvantaged women have been recognized by the federal government and national leaders in public health;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to become better acquainted with the services offered by nurse-midwives and the contributions they have made to families.

Occupational Therapy Week

Whereas, occupational therapists who service in the profession of occupational therapy have demonstrated great patience, a strong belief in the individual, and an innovative and creative capacity in the service of clients; and

Whereas, through purposeful activities, these therapists help to bring about a higher quality of life for our children and senior citizens, for our physically, emotionally and mentally disabled, for burn victims, stroke patients, and others whose ability to function in their daily lives in some way is impaired; and

Whereas, occupational therapists work in our schools, rehabilitation centers, hospitals, nursing homes, and in our community, providing both preventive and assistive services in helping to meet the psychological needs and the rehabilitation goals which can be realistically set for individuals in need of their services;

Now, therefore ... call to the attention of all our citizens the achievements and contributions of our occupational therapists so that we may honor them.

Oncology Nurses Day

Whereas, fatigue is a common side effect of cancer treatment; and

Whereas, oncology nurses are committed to providing quality cancer care; and

Whereas, oncology nurses have demonstrated excellence in patient care, teaching, research, and education for cancer treatment-related fatigue; and

Whereas, oncology nurses endeavor to improve the everyday life of persons with cancer experiencing cancer treatment-related fatigue; and

Whereas, fatigue is under-reported by patients and under-recognized by health care professionals; and

Whereas, for some people, careful planning of activities, exercise, and managing symptoms and side effects may help fatigue;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join oncology nurses to help provide quality cancer care.

Operating Room Nurse Day

Whereas, the registered nurse in the operating room is a highly skilled expert in providing nursing care and managing the Operating Room environment; and

Whereas, the surgical patient is going through a major crisis in his life; and

Whereas, the surgical patient needs expert care for his mind, spirit, and body; and

Whereas, the registered nurse is also an expert in allaying a patient's fears, preparing him for what will happen during surgery, how he will feel afterward, and understanding him as a total person; and

Whereas, the registered nurse acts as the patient's advocate during surgery;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to acknowledge the skills necessary to be a registered nurse.

Opticians Month

Whereas, nearly everyone will need help with their eyesight at some point in their lives; and

Whereas, eye care and eyewear professionals and manufacturers have made services and products available to help all who need vision enhancement, augmentation and protection; and

Whereas, opticians are qualified through training, experience, continuing education, voluntary certification and state licensing to assure proper filling of the eye doctor's prescription; and

Whereas, opticians provide freedom of choice to eyewear consumers and are the competitive balance that keeps eyewear within the means of all our citizens;

Now, therefore ... encourage all citizens to take note of the role of the dispensing optician in safeguarding and promoting good vision for all.

Physician Assistant Day

Whereas, physician assistants are highly trained mid-level practitioners performing a variety of medical tasks under the direct supervision of physicians; and

Whereas, physician assistants are found in hospitals, private practices of physicians, out-patient clinics and in research; and

Whereas, physician assistants perform comprehensive medical histories, physical examinations and diagnostic procedures, and they develop treatment plans for treatment of common illnesses;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize physician assistants' outstanding contributions and dedication to the citizens of our community.

Physical Therapy Association Week

Whereas, the goals of physical therapy associations are to meet the physical therapy needs of society, to meet the needs and interests of its members, and to develop and improve the art and science of physical therapy including practice, education and research;

Now, therefore ... urge all public officials and private citizens to join with the physical therapy profession to secure better health care for all our citizens.

Planning Appreciation Week

Whereas, World Town Planning Day has been celebrated in many countries since its inception in 1949; and

Whereas, the American Institute of Certified Planners endorses this week as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning makes to the quality of our settlements and environment and to celebrate American accomplishments in making collective decisions concerning our cities and regions that bring quality and meaning to our lives; and

Whereas, the celebration of World Town Planning Day gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of our planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of our city;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the many valuable contributions made by our professional planners in our city, and we extend our appreciation for their continued commitment to public service.

Police Officers Week

Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency of our city plays an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of citizens in our community; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

Whereas, our police department has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their communities, have established for themselves the rights and security of all citizens.

Post Anesthesia Nurses Day

Whereas, post anesthesia nurses provide education with respect to pre- and post-anesthesia patient care through conferences, courses, symposia, and the publishing of articles and bulletins that will maintain and upgrade standards of post anesthesia patient care and promote the professional growth of licensed nurses who are engaged, or otherwise especially interested, in the care of patients in the immediate pre- and post-anesthesia period; and

Whereas, post anesthesia nurses study, discuss, and exchange professional knowledge, expertise and ideas on pre- and post-anesthesia patient care, and this facilitates cooperation between post anesthesia nurses, physicians, and other medical personnel concerned with care of the patient in the immediate pre- and post-anesthesia period; and

Whereas, post anesthesia nurses encourage specialization and research in pre- and post-anesthesia nursing, promote public awareness and understanding of the care of pre- and post-anesthesia patients, and cooperate with universities, government agencies, and any other organizations in matters affecting the purposes of the society;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of post anesthesia nurses.

Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

Whereas, the professional public safety telecommunicator plays a crucial role in the protection of life and property, the preservation of society and its laws, and the provision of municipal services; and

Whereas, these telecommunicators are highly dedicated and deeply motivated people who daily serve our citizens in countless ways without due recognition by the beneficiaries of their services; and

Whereas, these telecommunicators are front line contacts with our citizens and the general public and are uniquely charged with the responsibility of maintaining citizen satisfaction and a positive image of our city to the general public;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the importance of these people.

Whereas, each day, thousands of Americans dial 9-1-1 for emergencies; and

Whereas, the men and women who answer these calls for help, gathering essential information and dispatching the appropriate assistance, can often make the difference between life and death for persons in need; and

Whereas, public safety telecommunicators are more than a calm and reassuring voice at the other end of the phone - they are knowledgeable and highly trained individuals who work closely with other police, fire, and medical personnel; and

Whereas, because emergencies can strike at any time, we rely on the vigilance and the preparedness of these individuals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to honor all the emergency dispatchers and other communications specialists, both professional and volunteer, who help to protect our health and safety.

Public Service Day

Whereas, since the earliest days of this country, citizens have depended upon public employees to provide a variety of services that could only be performed through a united government; and

Whereas, public employees have been instrumental in the administration of the laws, policies, and procedures as deemed appropriate by the elected officials whose objective is to carry out the wishes of the public; and

Whereas, it is through the work of these professional and dedicated men and women at all levels of government, including state, federal, county, city, and township, that the work of the people is performed;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the ongoing dedication of public employees as they tend to the needs of the public.

Whereas, public employees at the federal, state, county, and city play an essential role in providing public services;

Now, therefore ... honor these employees, who by their faithful and loyal devotion, have chosen a career in public service.

Public Works Week

Whereas, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

Whereas, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, and snow removal; and

Whereas, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depend on these facilities and services; and

Whereas, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

Whereas, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitudes and understanding of the importance of the work they perform;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to acquaint themselves with the problems involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make everyday to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Radiologic Technology Week

Whereas, the health of our citizens is a major concern and responsibility of health care professionals serving our citizens; and

Whereas, qualified practitioners who specialize in the use of medical radiation and imaging technology to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease share a commitment to bring the people of this community a safer, more compassionate environment now and in the future; and

Whereas, professionals in the radiologic sciences are dedicated to the highest standard of professionalism and continually maintain those standards through education, lifelong learning, credentialing, and personal commitment;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the importance of professionals in the radiologic sciences field.

School Psychology Week

Whereas, school psychology services have included consultation with parents and school personnel, development of intervention programs for individuals and groups, psycho-educational assessment, program development and research; and

Whereas, school psychologists advocate the right of all children to receive a free, appropriate public education tailored to meet their individual needs;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to commend the observance of this occasion to all our residents.

School Social Workers Week

Whereas, our community recognizes the right of every citizen to have the opportunity to obtain a well-structured basic education; and

Whereas, we also recognize that students have special needs and concerns to receive that education; and

Whereas, working to provide that assistance, school social workers in our education system offer essential student services to promote the maximum development of student potential; and

Whereas, school social workers can encourage parents to take an active, responsive role in the education of their children through home visits; and

Whereas, school social workers also formulate reports and make referrals for class misbehavior and student attendance with administrative assistance between the school and community; and

Whereas, in addition to their assistance with primary and secondary education, school social workers offer interpretation and assessment of exceptional children to identify their specific needs; and

Whereas, they work closely with the local Department of Social Services to investigate possible instances of child abuse and neglect;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the many contributions school social workers make to the education of our youth.

Secretaries Week

Whereas, professional secretaries are ethical, loyal and trustworthy; and

Whereas, professional secretaries serve their organization tirelessly; and

Whereas, professional secretaries work for the betterment of all office staff; and

Whereas, professional secretaries are unsung office heroes;

Now, therefore ... ask that management everywhere join in recognizing the outstanding professionals in their employ.

Whereas, in keeping with the tradition of their profession, secretaries are accepting vital responsibilities and are performing important roles in commerce, industry and government; and

Whereas, the efforts of these professionals and their many contributions to the nation's progress are significant; and

Whereas, in order to recognize the secretaries now performing their duties diligently and to encourage others to enter this profession, it is essential to acknowledge their many talents and abilities;

Now, therefore ... ask that all businesses and industries join in giving special recognition to our secretaries.

Whereas, our vast and complex system of justice cannot function without the skill and dedication of our nation's legal secretaries; and

Whereas, legal secretaries provide vital administrative and technical assistance to our courts, government, businesses, and private law offices; and

Whereas, legal secretaries, along with the judges and lawyers in our country, participate in one of life's most satisfying endeavors – the administration of justice;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to recognize the contributions of legal secretaries to our system of justice and to commend their efforts to develop their professional knowledge and capabilities.

Service Corps of Retired Executives Week

Whereas, the National Service Corps of Retired Executives was founded to assist Americans in organizing, financing, and expanding their small businesses; and

Whereas, thousands of people have received guidance that assisted them in starting their business, obtaining financial assistance, and expanding their business; and

Whereas, this assistance has enabled these people to create thousands of jobs and add greatly to the tax base; and

Whereas, these purposes are in keeping with the freedom of the individuals and prosperity of our area, and assist in advancing their economic development;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to honor the achievements of those people who have founded, financed, and developed their small businesses and created jobs for our people.

Social Workers Month

Whereas, social workers help millions of people address social and psychological problems to improve their lives; and

Whereas, social workers bridge the gap between resources and services and the people who need them; and

Whereas, social workers use their education, training, and commitment to strengthen individuals, families and communities; and

Whereas, social workers assist others in overcoming adversities to make a significant impact on the well-being of society; and

Whereas, social workers shape numerous programs and policies that improve community life; and

Whereas, social workers provide services in many settings, including private practices, family counseling centers, courts, nursing homes, hospices, mental health clinics, child welfare agencies, hospitals, schools and universities, prisons, corporations, as well as public and private agencies;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to support social workers and the social work profession.

Surveyor's Week

Whereas, surveyors played a leading role in the development of our state's transportation system as well as performing surveys to determine the boundaries of our state; and

Whereas, without surveyors, the progress of our state would have been severely crippled; and

Whereas, the American Heritage Dictionary defines surveying as the measurement of dimensional relationships, as of horizontal distances, elevations, directions and angles, on the earth's surface, especially for use in locating property boundaries, construction layout, and mapmaking; and

Whereas, surveyors embody this definition with pride and commitment to their work;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the contributions that surveyors have made to the growth of our state.

Whereas, since the earliest days of civilization, people have depended upon surveyors to resolve questions of land boundaries, and to provide the framework for the building of the infrastructure upon which the development of mankind has ridden; and

Whereas, surveyors were instrumental in the formation of layout of the property boundaries of the United States that has provided to our citizens the enjoyment of property ownership; and

Whereas, the professional surveyor has the unique ability to locate on ground what is expressed in words in the legal documents that define property boundaries; and

Whereas, it is the learned profession that is an integral part of construction projects from the beginning to the very end; and

Whereas, it is the surveyor who provides the positioning of what is on the land, how the land is shaped, and where the land is, which paves the way for the contractor to build the project's structures in their proper place; and

Whereas, surveyors work with other professionals from other disciplines to provide the best solutions to modern day problems that serve the interest of the public;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the ongoing dedication of present day surveyors to the needs of the public.

Taxi Driver Appreciation Day

Whereas, our city's taxi drivers work many hours a week to provide safe and reliable transportation for our businesses, residents, tourists, and employees; and

Whereas, in the past they have not received sufficient public recognition for their added value in keeping our community running smoothly;

Now, therefore ... encourage our residents to show appreciation to taxi cab drivers in our community.

Travel Agent Appreciation Week

Whereas, a travel agent is in the unique position to handle all travel needs – airline reservations, tours, hotels or rental cars; and

Whereas, a travel agent is a recognized travel expert with a wealth of information about any destination; and

Whereas, travel agencies generate millions of dollars in revenue for our community and contribute to our economic well-being; and

Whereas, travel agencies plan conventions and company meeting itineraries, and develop local incentives to benefit our area;

Now, therefore ... urge everyone to recognize these professionals and their contributions to our area.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Whereas, teachers build bridges of learning from the present to the future; and
Whereas, teachers challenge our young people to become lifelong learners; and

Whereas, our teachers reach out to every student regardless of ability, social or economic background, race, religion, creed or ethnic origin; and

Whereas, teachers provide instructional opportunities that help prepare young people for the demands of the changing workplace environment; and

Whereas, teachers help students understand the democratic principles that built this nation and how those foundations are serving as hope for people around the world;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to express their appreciation for the fine work our teachers do and salute teachers who represent an investment in our community.

Transit Appreciation Day

Whereas, bus transit provides different needs and the only means of transportation for a large percentage of its ridership; and

Whereas, the drivers, mechanics and administrators of the transit system have safely and effectively transported the citizens of this city for the purpose of work, recreation, shopping and medical treatment; and

Whereas, this public transportation service is provided to neighborhoods, hospitals, schools, housing complexes, tourist attractions, and commercial areas, with courteous drivers and safe, clean and comfortable buses; and

Whereas, the transit system continues to become increasingly important as a tool for the mitigation of congestion and parking, the improvement of air quality, and the transport of those citizens who have no other transportation alternatives;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to support the public transportation system.

Women in Fire Suppression Week

Whereas, the first recorded woman firefighter in the United States was Molly, a slave owned by a firefighter in New York City, who was considered "as good a fire laddie as any of the boys ..." when she fought fires in the blizzard of 1891; and

Whereas, since that time, and particularly in recent years, women have struggled to participate as firefighters, in common cause against humankind's most implacable enemy – fire – and have constantly proven their ability as firefighters; and

Whereas, women in fire suppression have served as a network, support system, and education resource for women who have chosen to assume the burden of "the most dangerous profession," and, in the process, have become a landmark in the foundation of the fire service that is being enriched by the diversity that women firefighters bring;

Now, therefore ... express its support of the goals of women in fire suppression, and of the aspirations of women everywhere who have chosen to meet the challenge posed by the profession of a firefighter.

PATRIOTIC

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- **United States Navy Week**
- **Women in the Military Day**

Airborne Forces of the United States Army Day

Whereas, the Airborne Forces of the United States Army, composed of the most daring, intrepid, and courageous warriors in the world, was born on June 1, 1940, at Fort Benning, Georgia, by the formation of the Original Parachute Test Platoon; and

Whereas, the Airborne Forces of the United States Army spearheaded the major invasions of World War II by fearlessly dropping into impregnable enemy territory to prevent the enemy from repelling the main force of the allies in the various battles; and

Whereas, the Airborne Forces of the United States was composed of thousands of men in the prime of their life, who voluntarily served in this elite branch with pride and gallantry; and

Whereas, many thousands of men who served in the Airborne Forces were killed, maimed, captured or wounded in the pursuit of freedom and peace for all the world; and

Whereas, the Airborne Forces of the United States were composed of fearless men who parachuted into enemy territory or were transported by gliders into the jaws of mortal conflict to do battle with the forces of aggression; and

Whereas, the continuous performance of the Airborne concept shows their support and love of this great country in the successful performance of their duty;

Now, therefore ... in respect to every person who has ever been a part of this valorous branch of service, and in recognition of the perseverance, patriotism and

selfless dedication to the ideals of freedom for which this country was founded, urge all our citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

Bill of Rights Day

Whereas, the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution, collectively known as the Bill of Rights, constitute the basis for individual liberty in this nation; and

Whereas, the founders of the United States recognized the need to enumerate the rights of citizens and protect the rights of states under our federal system; and

Whereas, the first Congress of the United States enacted the Bill of Rights in December 1791;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to pay special attention during this day.

Constitution Week

Whereas, our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, ordained, and established a Constitution for the United States of America; and

Whereas, it is of the greatest importance that all citizens understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to effectively support, preserve, and defend it against all enemies; and

Whereas, the independence guaranteed to American citizens, whether by birth or naturalization, should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to study the Constitution and to express gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship.

Flag Day

Whereas, by Act of Congress of the United States dated June 14, 1777, the first official Flag of the United States was adopted; and

Whereas, by Act of Congress dated August 3, 1949, June 14 of each year was designated "National Flag Day;" and

Whereas, on December 8, 1982, the National Flag Foundation was chartered to conduct educational programs and to encourage all Americans to "Pause for the Pledge" of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day ceremonies; and

Whereas, Flag Day celebrates our nation's symbol of unity and democracy, and stands for our country's devotion to freedom to the rule of all, and to equal rights for all;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to "Pause for the Pledge" and recite with all Americans the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and Nation.

George Washington's Week

Whereas, the month of February encompasses the birthday of our beloved first president, George Washington, known affectionately as "The Father of His Country" – a man devoted to humanitarian principles, high moral integrity, and unselfish devotion to democratic principles resulting in our free nation; and

Whereas, all who appreciate freedom and democracy should revere, honor, and perpetuate the memory of that great man through his brilliant, untiring and unselfish leadership that has been instrumental in bestowing upon us the blessings of unity, freedom, and all other rights and privileges consistent with democratic ideas;

Now, therefore ... urge all persons and organizations of our community to join in honoring the Father of our Country.

Human Rights Day

Whereas, we believe in the unity of our human community and that each individual, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, disability, and economic status, is entitled to equal justice, decent housing, adequate health care, and equal opportunity for education; and

Whereas, we believe that disregard for human rights results in unfair and unequal treatment and offends the conscience of the community, and that a community in which all individuals enjoy equal respect is the highest aspiration of a society; and

Whereas, we further believe in the value of meaningful, honest dialogue, and shared activities that promote human rights, relations, and responsibilities among the diverse groups in our community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize this day with appropriate activities.

Whereas, all persons are born free and equal with certain inalienable rights; and

Whereas, government was instituted by and is a contrivance of mankind to better secure these rights; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of every individual, society, and government to respect, protect, and promote these rights; and

Whereas, most of these rights are enumerated in the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Now, therefore ... call upon all citizens to promote freedom, justice, and equality for all.

Whereas, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and

Whereas, we are all endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of harmony; and

Whereas, we must, as individuals and as a people, take a stand and continue to work together to make freedom, justice, and equal opportunity available for all; and

Whereas, the primary responsibility to promote and respect these rights and freedoms lies with each individual of this community, and each of us can play a major role in enhancing human rights;

Now, therefore ... urge all residents to join in the rededication of themselves to the principles of human rights for all our citizens.

Whereas, we are fortunate to live in a country where basic human rights and human dignity are respected; and

Whereas, we can best celebrate these rights by a desire and a positive effort to extend them to others;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to work for the furtherance of human rights through specific, constructive action.

Law Day

Whereas, the United States of America has been the citadel of individual liberty and the beacon of hope and opportunity to many millions who have sought our shores; and

Whereas, the foundation of individual freedom and liberty is the body of the law that governs us; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights are the heart of that body of law, which guarantee us many freedoms – including freedom of religious belief, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of petition, and due process of the law among others;

Now, therefore ... call upon all citizens, schools, businesses, clubs, and the news media to commemorate the role of law in our lives.

Loyalty Day

Whereas, the citizens of our community are extremely proud of this nation's Heritage of Freedom and are loyal to the ideals, traditions, and institutions which have made our nation so great; and

Whereas, their obvious dedication to our way of life is indicative of a strong, continued desire to preserve the priceless American heritage; and

Whereas, our community is proud to stand up and publicly declare their determination toward actively and positively safeguarding our freedoms against any foreign or domestic enemies;

Now, therefore ... urge each of our citizens to reaffirm his and her love of Flag and Country.

Miscellaneous

Whereas, ____ served during ____ as ____; and

Whereas, today ____ serves as a representative of the thousand of courageous men and women who went on dangerous missions in defense of our freedom and those men and women who followed in their footsteps; and

Whereas, throughout his career, he has served his country and community and has earned the respect of civic leaders and affection of residents, joining the ranks of distinguished citizens of our community;

Now, therefore ... extend to ____ our deep appreciation for his meritorious service.

Whereas, the United States of America is in a war; and

Whereas, thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen are on federal active duty;
and

Whereas, in the course of performing their duties, these soldiers have been away from home, missing milestones important in their own and their families' lives, and the life of the community; and

Whereas, all military service members who have been involved in this war have exemplified their commitment to the security of our nation by completing all assigned missions during their deployment despite enemy opposition; and

Whereas, the City of ____ has always contributed outstanding troops who have never failed to distinguish themselves when service and sacrifice were required; and

Whereas, the City of ____ service members have upheld this tradition with honor and with dedication in their response to the call-to-arms to combat;

Now, therefore ... take immense pride in welcoming ____ back home and express profound gratitude to him and his family for their part in defending and promoting freedom throughout the world.

National Guard Week

Whereas, the first muster of the National Guard was held over 368 years ago when the minutemen of Massachusetts gathered; and

Whereas, the National Guard is the principal reserve component of the United States Military and also serves the states in peacetime; and

Whereas, the men and women of the Army and Air National Guard have continued to serve their country and state in war and peace in the tradition of the citizen soldier; and

Whereas, the National Guard serves throughout the world;

Now, therefore ... express appreciation and support to the men and women of the National Guard for their continuing dedication to the preservation of our country's heritage and tradition of the citizen soldier.

Navy League Day

Whereas, the Navy League of the United States was established 103 years ago to educate and inform citizens about our nation's maritime forces; and

Whereas, the dedicated members of the Navy League demonstrate a dynamic spirit of patriotism in support of the Sea Services of the United States; and

Whereas, our community takes pleasure in recognizing the efforts of those who are fostering and promoting a better understanding of the Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine; and

Whereas, President Theodore Roosevelt in 1902 encouraged the establishment of the Navy League on the premise that "all good Americans interested in the growth of their Country and sensitive to its honors should give hearty support to the policies which the Navy League is founded to further;"

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to honor the dedicated members of the Navy League of the United States.

Patriotism Week

Whereas, the citizens of this nation live in freedom won through the great sacrifice and many tribulations which have provided the foundation for a free, prosperous, and independent life; and

Whereas, each generation, in turn, must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise through carelessness or indifference, the rights, and liberties enjoyed may vanish; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to recognize this freedom and to honor the nation which provides it;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to express gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship with appropriate celebrations and observances.

Peace Day

Whereas, the United States has the great mission and the positive ability to lead all countries of the world to lasting peace through both material and spiritual means; and

Whereas, leaders in the United States have made a solid foundation to accomplish this mission through one minute of silence for world peace; and

Whereas, we can all be a part of the peacemaking process through our daily wishes, thoughts or prayers for world peace;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to make a sincere contribution toward making a peaceful city, a peaceful state, a peaceful country and a peaceful world.

Prisoners of War Week

Whereas, after 33 long years since American involvement in the Vietnam War has ended, there still remain American servicemen unaccounted for; and

Whereas, hundreds of eyewitness accounts of alleged American prisoners of war have been reported to the Defense Intelligence Agency since the mid-1970's;

Now, therefore ... request that the POW flag be flown during POW week to demonstrate the commitment that our citizens have to our brave men/women who fought for our country.

United Nations Day

Whereas, the promotion and protection of human rights and the active participation of the United States government and peoples in the work of the United Nations are essential to fostering peace and justice in our world; and

Whereas, the world continues to seek the road of peace and international cooperation through the United Nations; and

Whereas, the central role of the United Nations is the international effort against illicit narcotics trafficking, for peace and security, to protect the environment, and to provide hope and comfort to the many people facing poverty, disease and civil unrest throughout the world; and

Whereas, all Americans are called upon by the President of the United States to reflect upon and participate in programs and activities celebrating this day;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to participate in programs designed to increase understanding of the problems and potential of the United Nations and to develop ideas on ways to make the United Nations more effective.

Whereas, the community of nations has discovered the importance and relevance of the international framework of the United Nations system to combat global problems and settle regional conflicts; and

Whereas, the United Nations is playing a central role in addressing the crises and challenges which have emerged around the world; and

Whereas, the United States has an unprecedented opportunity to lead in the world organization for the advancement of democracy, pluralism, and human rights worldwide;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to rededicate themselves on this day to the peaceful solutions of the world's problems through the United Nations.

United States Army Day

Whereas, the United States Army has proudly defended this nation's freedom and interests for 230 years; and

Whereas, ____ is home to over ____ veterans who have served as part of the nation's Army defending our land; and

Whereas, brave men and women have fought in all of the nation's wars from the Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf War and continue to make this state proud by serving in peacekeeping missions around the world; and

Whereas, the Regular Army, United States Army Reserve, and National Guard have all provided men and women with vocational and educational opportunities as well as valuable life lessons in courage, discipline, and teamwork; and

Whereas, today's Army still offers people from all walks of life to serve their state and nation proudly while bettering themselves and their families;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to honor the brave men and women who have served, and who are serving, in the United States Army.

Whereas, young men and women of this state have enlisted into the United States Army to be recognized for their serious commitment to serve our country; and

Whereas, it is recognized that our volunteer Army is proving itself to be the best qualified force to take to the field in more than a quarter of a century due in large part to the Army's strong emphasis on education and drug-free environs that insure that only the best are honored with the unique pride of wearing the Army uniform; and

Whereas, on this day, we the citizens of ____ stand tall and proud in recognition of all who serve around the world at freedom's frontiers, pray for peace, and express our heartfelt gratitude for the unqualified dedication of these, our own new warriors;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to honor of our service members.

United States Marine Corps League Day

Whereas, the United States Congress felt that the purpose of the Marine Corps League was so valid that in 1937 it granted the League a federal charter; and

Whereas, the Marine Corps League has served our nation in times of war and peace; and

Whereas, the Marine Corps League is a Veterans Civic Organization dedicated to serving the community and fostering patriotism in the spirit of Semper Fidelis, the spirit of being "always faithful" to the Nation, the Corps, and their fellow Marines, in service and out;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to commend this observance.

United States Marine Corps Week

Whereas, on November 10, 1775, a resolution of the Continental Congress created a Corps of Marines to be formed of men so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea on vessels of the Continental Navy; and

Whereas, the record of the Marine Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organization of the world's history; and

Whereas, it is fitting and appropriate that we recognize and remember the birth of the Marine Corps in which Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors in every battle and skirmish until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency, soldierly virtue, and the cause of freedom;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join in tribute to the United States Marine Corps.

United States Navy Week

Whereas, the United States Navy traces its proud traditions of service to the original 13 colonies; and

Whereas, we gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of the many sacrifices that have been made by the United States Navy; and

Whereas, the American public has depended on the skills, training, and dedication of men and women in the United States Navy in every major conflict for over 200 years; and

Whereas, many selfless American Navy men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice for their God and country; and

Whereas, despite breathtaking changes occurring in the world today, the United States Navy reflects the delicate balance of national security and commercial interests; and

Whereas, many selfless American Navy men and women have endured family separations and made other sacrifices as they deployed around the world for their God and country; and

Whereas, the men and women of the United States Navy stand ready to demonstrate the national will and resolve during these deployments; and

Whereas, our community's response should continue to be presented to its citizens and to demonstrate and reinforce a continuing national responsibility;

Now, therefore ... recognize and honor the United States Navy.

Women in the Military Day

Whereas, women have been serving in the U.S. Armed Forces since the establishment of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps at the turn of the century; and

Whereas, over 34,000 served in the Nurse Corps and the enlisted ranks during World War I; and

Whereas, during World War II, more than 350,000 served as officers and enlisted personnel, 17,000 whom served in combat theaters; and

Whereas, many earned combat decorations, some were prisoners of war and some remain buried in the U.S. cemeteries overseas; and

Whereas, since 1984, they have made indispensable contributions to the nation's defense as members of the career regular and reserve forces; and

Whereas, in the past 30 years, women have been a significant factor in the success of the all volunteer force; and

Whereas, today there are thousands of women in reserves and on active duty in the Armed Forces stationed throughout the world;

Now, therefore ... urge all residents to join in commemorating the contributions and sacrifices of this, an often forgotten segment of the Armed Forces, and to pay tribute to these brave heroines who are fighting, and who have fought to protect our country.

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Birthday

Whereas, much to the delight of __ and __, __ years ago, __ was born; and

Whereas, the accomplishments and achievements of __ deserve recognition and commendation; and

Whereas, this very personable young man of exceptional abilities is celebrating his __ birthday on ____;

Now, therefore ... deem it an honor and pleasure to extend to __ sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years in the future.

Whereas, __ will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of his __ birthday on ____; and

Whereas, during his long and productive lifetime, he has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages because of his knowledge, experience, wisdom, and community spirit; and

Whereas, with the love and encouragement of his spouse, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, __ has been a powerful influence for good in our community; and

Whereas, because his hearty laugh of a teenager and the drive of an adolescent, he has earned the affection of a host of residents who are proud to call him "friend;"

Now, therefore ... sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years in the future.

Board Member

Whereas, __ has served as a member of the __ for __ years; and

Whereas, during his tenure, __ devoted his time and interest to matters affecting _____; and

Whereas, ____ has long supported community activities in our community; and

Whereas, ____ contributed to the growth and development of our area and his influence is still being felt;

Now, therefore ... deep appreciation to ____ for his services rendered to the citizens of our community while serving as a member of the ____.

Whereas, ____ served as a member of the ____ since ____; and

Whereas, ____ untiringly devoted over ____ years to our community during a period of time that numerous projects were initiated through his leadership which will continue to have a revitalizing and growing impact on our community far beyond his term of office; and

Whereas, ____ was the catalyst for the development of ____; and

Whereas, ____ served as a member of the ____; and

Whereas, ____ also served as liaison to the ____; and

Whereas, ____ has always been willing to place his concern for the public good ahead of his personal interests and thus, has earned the admiration and high regard of other civic leaders and the affection of a host of area residents; and

Whereas, ____ was unique in his sensitivity for doing what was best for the entire community, and he had courage in expressing his convictions and a special way of dealing with complex issues; and

Whereas, if there was one characteristic that distinguished ____'s career as a public servant, it was his enormous capacity for hard work – no one in these parts ever put more of himself into the job of working for his community than did ____; and

Whereas, ____ has demonstrated in many practical ways his deep and genuine love for our community and the surrounding area;

Now, therefore ... express our sincere appreciation and thanks to ____ for his distinguished service to the community, and highly commend him for the manner in which he has carried out his duties and responsibilities.

Whereas, ____ will be honored at an appreciation banquet sponsored by the ____ on ____; and

Whereas, ____ has devoted over ____ years as a member on the ____ Authority during a period of time that numerous projects were initiated through his leadership which will continue to have a revitalizing and growing impact on our community far beyond his term of office; and

Whereas, ___ is an active member of the ___ Church; and

Whereas, ___ has been a powerful influence for good in the growth and process of the community; and

Whereas, ___'s dedicated service to this community deserves special recognition;

Now, therefore ... extend with our sincere thanks for his dedicated service to our community.

Whereas, ___ has served this community for many years in numerous capacities, including ___ years as a member of the City Council; and

Whereas, these years of service have been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interests of the community, and he has worked constantly for the betterment of its economic, cultural and aesthetic development; and

Whereas, the City of ___ has benefited greatly because of his particular interest and work in the area of ___; and

Whereas, through the performance of his duties and responsibilities as a member of the City Council, he has made excellent and constructive contributions to municipal government in our City; and

Whereas, ___ has earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom he has come into contact and of his fellow public servants;

Now, therefore ... express our sincere appreciation and thanks, as well as that of our citizens, to ___ for his distinguished service to the community.

Boy Scout

Whereas, only 2% of all registered Boy Scouts in the world obtain the Eagle Scout Rank, the highest ranking in Scouting; and

Whereas, ___ has earned ___ merit badges including all the required merit badges for the Eagle Rank; and

Whereas, ___ has successfully completed all the rank requirements for Eagle; and

Whereas, ___ has successfully completed his Eagle Project and Eagle Board of Review; and

Whereas, ___ has demonstrated his leadership ability by _____;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to pay special tribute to this very special member of our community.

Churches

Whereas, ___ has served this community for well over ___ years; and

Whereas, the membership of the ___ Church has always believed that the church and community should be mutually supportive and have manifested this commitment in tangible assistance with many worthwhile civic projects;

Now, therefore ... extend our appreciation to the ___ Church and its members who have worked so faithfully and given so generously to the civic projects in our community.

Whereas, the Reverend ___ has served as pastor to the ___ Church for ___ years, giving guidance and spiritual inspiration to his congregation, and earning the respect and admiration of all our citizens by his whole-hearted and dedicated participation in many church and community projects; and

Whereas, Reverend ___ has given generously of his time and effort, faithfully served this community in various capacities too numerous to list, and supported programs to benefit people of all ages and walks of life; and

Whereas, with the love and encouragement of his spouse, ___, and their children, ___ and ___, he has been a powerful influence for good in our community; and

Whereas, ___ has earned, and justly deserves, this public recognition for his many years of service to our community;

Now, therefore ... recognize the service and ministry of ___ who, in distinguishing himself, has brought honor and credit to his family, his friends, his church, and his city.

Whereas, for over ___ years, ___ has ministered to the spiritual needs of his congregation; and

Whereas, in that period of time, he has so endeared himself to the membership of the ___ Church with his gentle spirit, loving thoughts and kind ways;

Now, therefore ... ask the membership of the ___ Church and all our citizens to join us in thanking ___ for his service to our community.

Whereas, ___ is leaving our community on ___; and

Whereas, ___ has served as ___ in the ___ Church since ___; and

Whereas, his work has enriched and blessed many lives of the youth and adult members of this congregation; and

Whereas, our lives are immeasurably better for him having worked among us for the past ___ years;

Now, therefore ... recognize the many fine works of ___ in our community and call upon the citizens of our community to join us in wishing him all the best as he begins the next step in his ministry.

Whereas, ___, well known and respected pastor of ___, has announced his retirement following ___ years of dedicated and outstanding service to his congregation and citizens of our community; and

Whereas, ___ has also been very active in the ___ and has worked tirelessly and diligently throughout his career to preserve the moral and spiritual values upon which our nation was founded; and

Whereas, under the capable and effective leadership of ___, the ___ Church has established ministries to meet the needs of ___,

Now, therefore ... extend our thanks and appreciation to ___ upon the occasion of his retirement.

Whereas, Reverend ___ began his ministry of ___ with the ___ Church in ___ on ___; and

Whereas, Reverend ___ comes to our area with a rich experience in ministry with all age groups, within the context of multiple mission and outreach to his community; and

Whereas, Reverend ___ is a well respected religious educator; and

Whereas, Reverend ___ is married to ___, and together they have ___ children, and ___,

Now, therefore ... extend a warm welcome to Reverend ___ and his family as he begins his ministry in our community.

Whereas, Reverend ___ has served as pastor of the ___ in ___ since ___; and

Whereas, the congregation has grown from ___ to ___; and

Whereas, during this time, the Church has been able to complete a number of successful community development projects, including ___, and numerous other community needs; and

Whereas, Reverend ____ serves on several committees and has been acknowledged by numerous social, civic, religious, and academic organizations across the nation;

Now, therefore ... recognize his continuing ministry of reaching out to help the poor and needy.

Employee

Whereas, the City of ____ has benefited greatly because of the dedication and hard work of its employees who strive to improve themselves, participate in the community, and consistently be courteous and helpful to others; and

Whereas, ____ (cite incident); and

Whereas, ____ placed their concern above concern for his own personal well-being; and

Whereas, special commendation is due to this employee; and

Whereas, the city is honored to pay tribute to ____ who personifies the true meaning of "Champion," and whose compassion and genuine commitment to the welfare of other human beings is a source of inspiration to everyone; and

Whereas, the city is honored to recognize, reward and celebrate the valuable contributions and the nobility of ____;

Now, therefore ... congratulate ____ for his heroism, and we thank him for being an outstanding city employee.

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Board that ____ exhibited exemplary conduct while off-duty on ____; and

Whereas, ____ recognized an emergency situation and rendered aid; and

Whereas, if it had not been for the life-saving and skilled response of ____ and of the responding emergency medical crews, a precious life may have been lost;

Now, therefore ... do hereby commend and recognize ____ for his exemplary conduct and outstanding performance in an emergency.

Whereas, ____ acted in the highest tradition of the ____ by setting aside concern for their own safety and saving ____'s life by ____; and

Whereas, the skill and bravery demonstrated by ____ is representative of the skill and bravery of all ____, and of the support provided by other members of the ____ department on duty and at the scene of the emergency that day;

Now, therefore ... recognize and praise the lifesaving actions undertaken by ____ at risk to his own safety in the rescue of ____ on ____.

Whereas, ____ has been a conscientious and trustworthy employee, and his dedicated interest and devotion to his job have had a valuable effect of efficiency and morale in the ____ department; and

Whereas, ____'s interest and devotion to his job has earned him plenty of accolades; and

Whereas, his dedication and zeal in his work has won ____ the respect and affection of his fellow workers;

Now, therefore ... express our sincere thanks for his dedicated service to the welfare of our community.

Leaving Community

Whereas, ____ has been employed by the ____ since ____; and

Whereas, ____ has faithfully and conscientiously served the City of ____ and its citizens for ____ years during which period of time numerous projects were initiated through his leadership which will continue to have a revitalization and growing impact on the City of ____; and

Whereas, ____ has served this community in many ways, including his services on the ____; and

Whereas, ____ has held many of our most responsible positions - ____; and

Whereas, one characteristic that distinguishes ____'s career as a public servant is his enormous capacity for hard work; and

Whereas, ____ has earned the respect of other civic leaders and the affection of a host of area residents;

Now, therefore ... appreciation to ____ for the meritorious service, loyalty and dedication he has rendered to this community.

Whereas, ____ has served his community well for many years in numerous capacities; and

Whereas, ____ has served the community with distinction in a long list of public appointments and offices, demonstrating always his willingness to place his concern for the public good ahead of his personal interest; and

Whereas, ____ has accumulated an impressive list of honors, including ____; and

Whereas, ____ has earned the respect and admiration of everyone with whom he has come into contact by his whole-hearted and dedicated participation in many civic projects;

Now, therefore ... sincere appreciation and thanks to ____ for his distinguished service to the community, and highly commend him for the manner in which he has carried out his duties and responsibilities.

Whereas, ____ has served this community well since ____, as a ____ and as an enthusiastic and hardworking citizen of our community; and

Whereas, ____ has announced that he plans to leave our community; and

Whereas, ____ has earned the respect and affection of a host of area residents;

Now, therefore ... commend ____ for his many contributions to the progress of this community, and extend our personal best and those of the City Council and all our citizens for a happy and successful future.

Whereas, ____ is a native of the City of ____; and

Whereas, ____ has always excelled in athletics as an outstanding ____ at ____ High School; and

Whereas, ____ has distinguished himself by bringing national recognition to his home town; and

Whereas, the citizens of our community are proud of how ____ has represented our area during his career; and

Whereas, ____ is an excellent role model for young people to follow, not only through his athletic talents, but also through his commitment to traditional family values and community service;

Now, therefore ... congratulate ____ on his accomplishments, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Whereas, ____ has been a powerful influence for good in the growth and progress of our community; and

Whereas, he has earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom he has come into contact and the affection of his fellow public servants; and

Whereas, his performance of the duties and responsibilities as ____ has been characterized by excellent and constructive contributions to our entire community;

Now, therefore ... extend our heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks to ____ for his valuable service and dedication to the citizens in our community.

Whereas, ____ has served as ____ since ____; and

Whereas, ____ will soon step down from that post to take a position with the ____;
and

Whereas, ____ has distinguished himself nationally and internationally for his pioneering work in ____; and

Whereas, ____'s leadership and vision set the framework for what became recognized as a model of ____;

Now, therefore ... our sincere appreciation and gratitude for his vision and leadership that helped put us on the map for innovations; and on behalf of our entire community, do wish him good luck and good health in his new role.

Whereas, ____ has served in the position of ____ for ____ years; and

Whereas, in that time, ____ has introduced ____; and

Whereas, ____ has strengthened the ____ program and enhanced its reputation locally and nationally through his leadership, vision, and integrity; and

Whereas, ____ has served our civic community with distinction as ____;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to publicly honor ____ on the occasion of his retirement for outstanding contributions to our community.

Whereas, ____ has been ____ since ____; and

Whereas, before taking this post, ____ was ____; and

Whereas, ____ has served this community well in many ways, including ____; and

Whereas, during ____'s illustrious career, he has compiled a long list of honors, awards, and special assignments, including ____; and

Whereas, ____ is active in numerous civic and church organizations, including ____; and

Whereas, ____ has announced his plans to retire on ____, and is being honored by friends and co-workers who are deeply appreciative of his many contributions to the community through the years; and

Whereas, ____'s performance of his duties, responsibilities and working relationship were always characterized by dedication to getting the job well done;

Now, therefore ... our appreciation for his many years of service and we extend to him and his family our best wishes for many happy and successful years in the future.

Miscellaneous Recognitions

Whereas, ____ marks the ____ anniversary of the City of ____; and

Whereas, special activities have been planned to celebrate the occasion of this anniversary; and

Whereas, it is fitting that we should join in this expression of our pride and appreciation for the many civic and economic benefits that our community has enjoyed over the years because of the growth and prosperity of our adjoining town;

Now, therefore ... extend our personal congratulations and those of our citizens.

Whereas, ____ is to be congratulated on his ____ anniversary; and

Whereas, these years of service have been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interest of our community, and we appreciate all his assistance to the City of ____ through these many years; and

Whereas, his service has been valuable, and he has the very highest caliber of work ethic; and

Whereas, he has served our area with distinction throughout his career;

Now, therefore ... best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

Whereas, for ____ years, ____ hosted the ____ show; and

Whereas, ____ has earned the affection of a host of area residents; and

Whereas, his dedication to the best interests of the community and the children has won the high regard of all his associates; and

Whereas, ___ has demonstrated in many practical ways his deep and genuine love for this city and the surrounding area;

Now, therefore ... express our sincere thanks for his dedicated service to the welfare of our children and our community.

Whereas, ___ graduated from ___ High School in ___; and

Whereas, ___ has distinguished himself at the ___ not only as an outstanding ___, but as an outstanding example to the youth of our community; and

Whereas, the City of ___ wishes to honor ___ for his accomplishments;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens in our community to recognize the outstanding achievements of ___ who, in distinguishing himself has brought honor and credit to his family, his friends, and his city.

Whereas, our community was struck by the strongest blizzard in years; and

Whereas, our community was in the path of the blizzard, received in excess of ___ inches of snow and was struck by winds in excess of ___ miles per hour; and

Whereas, the blizzard caused the interruption of electrical power throughout our community; and

Whereas, people, agencies and organizations in our area joined the emergency response forces and worked together side by side to rescue people threatened by the storm, take them to refuges of safety, treat those injured or ill, transport them to medical care facilities, maintain emergency response services and emergency resources and otherwise maintain effective public services in the midst of the storm; and

Whereas, it is likely that people and property in our community would have been more seriously affected by the blizzard had these organizations, agencies, and individuals not stepped forward to assist;

Now, therefore ... most heartfelt thanks to ___ for the invaluable assistance rendered during and immediately after the blizzard.

Whereas, ___ has dedicated his life to this community and has demonstrated his deep and genuine love for this city through his continued involvement in numerous civic endeavors; and

Whereas, ___ has served the community with distinction demonstrating always his willingness to place his concern for the public good ahead of his personal interests;

Now, therefore ... our deep appreciation for his distinguished service and our best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

Whereas, ____'s family and friends would like to welcome ____ back to our community; and

Whereas, ____ was recently diagnosed with ____; and

Whereas, ____ has taken extensive treatments; and

Whereas; with the love and devotion of his spouse and children, ____ and ____, ____ has kept a positive outlook on life; and

Whereas, ____'s family and friends wish to express their support, love, and encouragement to him;

Now, therefore ... recognize ____ for his positive outlook and wish him many, many years of a happy, fulfilling, and healthy life.

Whereas, ____ developed a program ____ which provides ____; and

Whereas, ____ has given of himself with this special contribution to help others; and

Whereas, ____ has received the ____ award; and

Whereas, ____ has contributed to the well-being of residents in our community and the welfare of all young people by giving tirelessly of his time and energy;

Now, therefore ... recognize ____ for his timeless efforts and dedication in helping others.

Whereas, ____ native ____ is a racing legend; and

Whereas, during his illustrious career, ____ has won the ____ championship; and

Whereas, ____ had a great desire to win, but an even a greater desire to race;

Now, therefore ... deem it an honor and pleasure to acknowledge ____ as one of our shining stars.

Whereas, as our community looks back over its many years of being, a few individuals stand out for their caring, their contributions, and their visions, which have made ____ such a fine place to live; and

Whereas, one of our citizens, ____, is such an individual, one who was a true leader in our community for many years, known both for his business skills and for his civic activities; and

Whereas, ____ was very instrumental in ____; and

Whereas, ____ was also an outstanding leader of ____; and

Whereas, ____ was admired by his peers; and

Whereas, the City of __ desires to publicly recognize and show its appreciation to this individual for the great impact that ____ has made on this community; and

Whereas, ____ contributed greatly to the caring nature of our community through his leadership and vision;

Now, therefore ... desires to publicly recognize and show their appreciation to ____ for the great impact he has made on our community not only for the past ____ years, but for many years to come.

Whereas, Special Olympics has been an outstanding program for many years in our community for persons with disabilities; and

Whereas, ____ has been the coordinator of this event for the past ____ years; and

Whereas, under ____'s supervision, our community has participated in softball, swimming, basketball, bowling, gymnastics, power lifting, golf, and volleyball; and

Whereas, ____ has dedicated his life to the betterment of persons with disabilities;

Now, therefore ... encourage all citizens of our community to pay special tribute to this very special member of our community.

Whereas, ____, whose employment has taken him away from our community, has now returned; and

Whereas, ____ will be remembered by many as ____ here in our fair city; and

Whereas, ____, even after an absence of ____ years, is fondly remembered by his many friends and acquaintances and is welcomed back with open arms;

Now, therefore ... deem it a pleasure to welcome ____ back!

Whereas, ____ has devoted a lifetime to the promotion of ____ in our community;
and

Whereas, ____ has achieved outstanding recognition by his peers, students and admirers on many occasions; and

Whereas, ____, in his continuing effort to give back to the community, has ____;

Now, therefore ... encourage all citizens of our community to pay special tribute to this very special member of our community.

Whereas, on ____, ____ will be honored for ____; and

Whereas, ____ has overcome insurmountable obstacles that began when ____;
and

Whereas, ____'s interest and assistance to our community is an inspiration; and

Whereas, this delightful and remarkable man has set an example for others as an exemplary citizen of our community;

Now, therefore ... honorary citizen of the City of ____, and all residents are urged to join in recognizing and honoring ____ as the talented and gracious citizen he is.

Whereas, ____ has designed a program to ____; and

Whereas, there has been a great response to this very worthwhile program; and

Whereas, ____ is largely responsible for the success of this program;

Now, therefore ... honor ____ for his support and participation in the ____ Program.

Whereas, ____ graduated from ____; and

Whereas, during a long and distinguished career in public service, ____ has accumulated an impressive list of degrees and honors, including ____, as well as many other awards and citations for public service, civic, and professional achievements; and

Whereas, ____ has earned the respect and admiration of all our citizens by his whole-hearted and dedicated participation in many church and civic projects; and

Whereas, ____ has given generously of his time as a member of ____; and

Whereas, ___ has supported programs to benefit people of all ages and walks of like, including ___; and

Whereas, with the love and encouragement of his fine family, he has been a powerful influence for good in our community; and

Whereas, he has earned and justly deserves this public recognition for his many years of service to our community;

Now, therefore ... extend our appreciation to ___ for his many years of service, and our best wishes for many more happy and productive years in the future.

Whereas, ___ marks the ___th anniversary that ___ has worked at ___; and

Whereas, through the years, ___ has established herself as a role model for ___'s female and minority community; and

Whereas, among the countless services rendered by ___, she has participated in a wide range of special projects for the benefit of the community, including ___; and

Whereas, ___ has received awards from the ___ and ___; and

Whereas, ___ has contributed much in terms of leadership and personal service to our community during these past ___ years that special recognition is warranted;

Now, therefore ... deem it an honor and pleasure to extend to ___ sincere congratulations for her personal contributions to our community.

Whereas, ___ is a dynamic contributor in community services and religious activities which are too numerous to mention; and

Whereas, ___ has earned and justly deserves this public recognition; and

Whereas, our citizens are proud of how ___ has represented our area;

Now, therefore ... extend to ___ our deep appreciation for his distinguished service, and our best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

Whereas, ___, graduate of ___ High School, and graduate of ___, has only brought pride to his family; and

Whereas, the citizens of our area are proud of how ___ has represented our area, and we feel that he has earned and justly deserves this public recognition;

Now, therefore ... tender to ___ best wishes for success in all future endeavors;

Teacher

Whereas, ___ has been a teacher at ___ for ___ years; and

Whereas, during these years, ___ has served as teacher, friend and role model to many of our boys and girls, inspiring them to learn and to help others to learn; and

Whereas, ___ currently teaches ___ to ___ and ___ graders at the ___; and

Whereas, because of ___'s innovative spirit and enthusiasm for teaching children, ___ was recently named Teacher of the Year; and

Whereas, his dedicated service to the youth of this community deserves special recognition;

Now, therefore ... deem it an honor and pleasure to extend our sincere thanks for his dedicated service to the children of our community.

Visitor

Whereas, ___ is sharing his time with us in ___; and

Whereas, the City of ___ is honored to have ___ visit our City;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to pay special tribute to this extraordinary person.

Whereas, the City of ___ is proud to welcome ___, who will be spending time in our City as a special guest;

Now, therefore ... tender to our honored guest a most cordial and sincere welcome to our community.

Wedding Anniversary

Whereas, ___ and ___ were married on ___ in ___; and

Whereas, ___ are very active at the ___ Church and they are active in the community by ___; and

Whereas, ___ is where ___ and ___ raised their ___ children, who are now spread across the nation; however, ___ holds special memories for all of them; and

Whereas, ___ are the proud grandparents of ___ grandchildren;

Now, therefore ... call upon all citizens to observe this special day in honor of ___ and ___ on the occasion of their ___th Wedding Anniversary.

Whereas, ___ and ___ were united in marriage on ___ and are now celebrating their ___ Wedding Anniversary; and

Whereas, this marriage has been blessed with ___ wonderful children, ___ and ___, who have received from their parents the kind of happy home life and careful training that develops good citizens; and

Whereas, in addition to providing for their family a legacy of wit, wisdom and love, ___ and ___ have found time to participate in many social, church and civic organizations; and

Whereas, they have earned the respect of all with whom they have come in contact, and the love and affection of a host of friends;

Now, therefore ... extend to ___ and ___ this expression of our sincere congratulations on this happy occasion.

Whereas, one of the privileges of the office of the Mayor is to recognize and honor the outstanding citizens of our city; and

Whereas, today it is my pleasure to join with their many friends in honoring ___ and ___ on the occasion of their ___ Wedding Anniversary; and

Whereas, the ___'s have been outstanding members of our community having served in leadership roles in their church, and

Whereas, they are the proud parents of ___ children, each outstanding citizens of their communities; and

Whereas, the ___'s have been members of our community for ___ years of their married life;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to pay tribute to these outstanding citizens.

Whereas, on ___, ___ will celebrate their ___ Wedding Anniversary; and

Whereas, their life together has been one of service to family and community, and we are pleased to join with their many good friends and relatives in extending our best wishes on this happy occasion;

Now, therefore ... extend to them and their family on behalf of our community our sincere congratulations on this ___ Anniversary and our best wishes for many years of health and happiness in the years ahead.

RELIGION

- Bible Week
- Catholic Schools Week
- Christian Heritage Week
- National Day of Prayer
- New Ministry Celebration
- Sisters of Mercy Week

Bible Week

Whereas, in these days of uncertainty, we are surrounded by international turmoil, inflation, rising crime, and moral confusion; and

Whereas, the Holy Bible remains as it always has, an indestructible foundation of truth, a source of inspiration all of us can turn to; and

Whereas, every person has within his innermost being a yearning and a hunger for spiritual fulfillment and God, in His infinite wisdom, has made provision for this fulfillment in Holy Scripture; and

Whereas, the Laymen's National Bible Committee has developed materials and media messages around the slogan "THE BIBLE. READ IT FOR YOURSELF." to help people get into the Bible;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens of our community to participate in this annual observance by reading the Bible and becoming familiar with its teachings and principles.

Whereas, the Bible continues to be the world's best seller, yet millions of Americans remain ignorant of its teachings; and

Whereas, this ignorance and the rise of secular humanism have blunted the influence of the Bible in shaping morals and values; and

Whereas, there is a great need for a recovery of the teachings of the Bible, especially the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount; and

Whereas, the Laymen's National Bible Committee has developed an excellent mass media campaign to promote Bible reading and study, particularly among young people;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens in our community to participate in this annual interfaith observance by reading the Bible and developing a study program to become familiar with its teachings and principles.

Whereas, the Bible is the foundational document of the Judeo-Christian principles upon which our nation was conceived; and

Whereas, the Bible has been a constant source of moral and spiritual guidance for Americans throughout our history; and

Whereas, the Bible has profoundly influenced our nation's art, literature, music, laws, and sense of charity; and

Whereas, the Bible continues to provide inspiration, hope, and comfort for millions of Americans today; and

Whereas, for 66 years, women and men of all faiths have banded together in the Laymen's National Bible Association to sponsor National Bible Week as a time to remind their fellow Americans of the Bible's unique place in American life; and

Whereas, this annual emphasis has helped to strengthen spiritual understanding throughout America by encouraging personal reading and studying of the Bible;

Now, therefore ... urge fellow citizens to participate in the observance of National Bible Week by reading the Bible and discovering for themselves its values for personal and community life.

Catholic Schools Week

Whereas, Catholic education has demonstrated its ability to contribute to the national welfare throughout America's 213-year history by raising national levels of knowledge, competence, and experience; and

Whereas, the commitment of Catholic schools to Christian values and the Christian moral code renders a profound service to society which depends on spiritual values and good moral conduct for its survival; and

Whereas, Catholic schools strengthen the community and the nation by keeping viable the right to freedom of religion under law;

Now, therefore ... urge the citizens of our community to join in observance of this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Christian Heritage Week

Whereas, the Christian Heritage of our nation is recognized in the accomplishments of such renowned individuals as Christopher Columbus, William Bradford, George Washington, John Hancock, Abigail Adams, Noah Webster, Abraham Lincoln and Woodrow Wilson; and

Whereas, it is important that our children learn the complete history of our nation, including the historical Christian Heritage; and

Whereas, the citizens of our community, state and nation may be fully educated about the Christian Heritage of our nation through the voluntary exercise of their constitutional right to the freedom of educational choice; and

Whereas, the Christian faith has been historically documented as a foundation influence on the inception, formation, structure and culture of our nation.

Now, therefore ... commend this observance to all our citizens.

National Day of Prayer

Whereas, in 1787 Benjamin Franklin said to George Washington as he presided over the Constitutional Convention, "I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And, if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without his aid?" With these words, Mr. Franklin called upon the Convention to open each day with prayer, and from the birth of our Republic, prayer has been vital to the whole fabric of American life; and

Whereas, today, our nation is at peace and is enjoying prosperity, but our need for prayer is even greater. We can give thanks to God for the ever-increasing abundance He has bestowed on us, and we can remember all those in our society who are in need of help, whether it be material assistance in the form of charity or simply a friendly word of encouragement. We are all God's handiwork, and it is appropriate for us as individuals and as a nation to call to Him in prayer;

Now, therefore ... urge the citizens of our community to join in five minutes of prayer and mediation.

Whereas, throughout the history of our country, prayer has been recognized by our leaders, in times of war – and peace – as vital to the maintenance of a strong national character, and necessary to procure the blessings of a just and benevolent God upon our government and people; and

Whereas, prayer was often referred to publicly by the men who wrote and signed our Constitution, and a Day of Prayer is one of our oldest national observances; and

Whereas, the first national Thanksgiving Proclamation was put forth by Samuel Adams as a "National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer" and was observed by Washington's army in the snowy fields of Valley Forge; and

Whereas, in 1952 the Congress resolved "that the President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year other than Sunday, as a national Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and mediation at churches, in groups and as individuals;"

Now, therefore ... do hereby urge the citizens in our community to join in five minutes of prayer and mediation.

Whereas, we, as duly elected and appointed leaders of this community, recognize our civil responsibilities to those whom we serve; and

Whereas, it is with awesome responsibility that we serve the citizens of our community by faithfully carrying out the duties and requirements of our offices; and

Whereas, in humble acknowledgement of our dependence upon God for wisdom, courage and power, and upon the spiritual and moral support of the people in our community, we hereby urge our citizens to pray that we will receive spiritual guidance that we may call upon as we serve this community to the best of our abilities;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join together in prayer in behalf of all civic leaders, civic organizations, community servants, and our community as a whole, that in the spirit of trust, cooperation, and goodwill, we all may beseech God for the strength and wisdom to make our community an even better place in which to live.

New Ministry Celebration

Whereas, the ____ Church was established on ____; and

Whereas, ____ has been blessed with many very gifted priests and rectors; and

Whereas, we celebrate a rich past that has laid the foundation for the future; and

Whereas, we celebrate a belief in the ministry of the many, the understanding that all of us are called by God to be ministers, to be God's mission in this city and, indeed, the world; and

Whereas, we renew ourselves this day to a deeply prayerful life of worship and collaborative service to God lived out together in this city.

Now, therefore ... best wishes to The Reverend ____ and members of this congregation who have worked so faithfully and given so generously to make their dream of this beautiful day become a reality.

Sisters of Mercy Week

Whereas, the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy by Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland, was founded for the purpose of ministering to the poor and the sick; and

Whereas, the congregation has grown from a handful in 1983 to thousands of Sisters worldwide; and

Whereas, the work of the Sisters of Mercy still remains true to their Mercy beginnings through nursing the sick in hospitals and in homes, educating children and adults in formal and informal settings, and reaching out to people in need with the spirit of their foundress in love and services; and

Whereas, we rejoice with the Sisters of Mercy as they celebrate with gratitude to God for the fulfillment of the Mercy ministry by thousands of Sisters over a century and a half, and pray that they will continue to meet the challenge of the changing needs of God's people in the age and culture in which they live;

Now, therefore ... commend this worthwhile observance to our citizens.

RETIREMENT

Miscellaneous

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Whereas, ____ is an outstanding person who has contributed so much to our community; and

Whereas, ____ has retired as a teacher in the ____ School System after teaching for ____ years; and

Whereas, ____ is a member of the ____; and

Whereas, ____ has been a volunteer at the ____; and

Whereas, even though ____'s outstanding civic activities take up an enormous amount of his time, he remains devoted to his family.

Whereas, ____'s music teaching career began in ____; and

Whereas, ____ is a leader serving many organizations and receiving numerous awards and honorable mentions;

Now, therefore ... express appreciation to ____ for his services of outstanding leadership and dedication to the ____ School System and for his services, locally, regionally, and nationally and extend to him sincere best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Whereas, ____ will be retiring from ____ on ____; and

Whereas, ____ has served in a variety of appointments, including, but not limited to: ____; and

Whereas, as he has worked among the people in our community and has dealt with community problems, ____ has become a positive and effective influence in the community; and

Whereas, the leadership of our city will miss the officially active participation of ____ in the day-to-day affairs of the city and the region;

Now, therefore ... best wishes for a long, happy and productive retirement to

Whereas, ____ has served as ____ since ____, and will retire effective ____; and

Whereas, under his leadership, ____ has continued to advance in the area of ____; and

Whereas, ____ has, with enthusiasm and effectiveness, made an excellent and constructive contribution to our community; and

Whereas, through all these various endeavors, he has won the highest regard of all his associates and the admiration of citizens throughout the community;

Now, therefore ... all our citizens join with us in extending to ____ our deep appreciation for his distinguished service, and our best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

Whereas, on ____, ____ will be retiring from ____ as ____ for the past ____ years; and

Whereas, ____ has been a model for all these years of what a good, loving caregiver is; and

Whereas, ____'s spirit keeps him busy helping kids in college, young struggling families, and senior adults;

Now, therefore ... urge friends, neighbors, and present and former students to honor this special person.

Whereas, ____ has dedicated ____ years to a career at ____ in our community; and

Whereas, ____ has announced his plans to retire on ____ and is being honored by friends and co-workers, who are deeply appreciative of his many contributions to the community through the years;

Now, therefore ... appreciate his many years of dedicated service, and extend to ____, his spouse, ____, and his family our best wishes for many years of happiness in the future.

Whereas, ____ is retiring from ____ and is being awarded this recognition as a testimonial of loyal and dedicated service for the past ____ years; and

Whereas, ____'s dedicated interest and devotion to duty has had a valuable effect on the efficiency and morale of his co-workers, and we wish to extend to him our sincere appreciation for his outstanding performance of duty; and

Whereas, he will be missed both professionally and as a friend, and we extend our very best wishes for his continued success in his life's pursuits;

Now, therefore ... extend our sincere appreciation for his service.

Whereas, ___ retired on ___ from his position as ___; and

Whereas, ___ has always put the greater good of the community ahead of personal considerations; and

Whereas, over his ___ years of employment, ___ has displayed the highest example of character, ethics, morals, and unselfish service; and

Whereas, ___ has served as the wisdom-keeper, memory, and storyteller of our organization and the community; and

Whereas, ___ has acted as confidant to many people and has become the mentor and trusted advisor to hundreds of younger staff;

Now, therefore ... express to ___ deepest gratitude for his countless contributions and exemplary service to our community; and

Whereas, ___ has been a dedicated employee for ___ years and has announced that he will retire on ___; and

Whereas, ___ has served on many statewide committees with distinction, including ___; and

Whereas, ___ was honored as ___; and

Whereas, ___ has served this community well by serving on the ___; and

Whereas, ___ has earned the admiration of those with whom he has come into contact, and the affection of his fellow public servants who are proud to call him "friend;"

Now, therefore ... best wishes for happiness in all of his future endeavors.

Whereas, ___ has faithfully served his fellow citizens as ___ for ___ years; and

Whereas, ___ has performed, of his own volition, many endeavors to benefit his fellow citizens, including ___, and has been an active volunteer on boards and committees of numerous agencies and community organizations dedicated to the betterment of life for both adults and children; and

Whereas, ___'s involvement in civic activities included leadership in the ___; and

Whereas, ___ has also given unstintingly of his time and talents to ___ Church, serving with distinction in many capacities; and

Whereas, his service in both his public and private life has been given willingly and cheerfully, and he has contributed immeasurably to the success of community endeavors and to the betterment of the quality of life for many of his fellow citizens; and

Whereas, ____ will retire from his position as ____ on ____;

Now, therefore ... extend our appreciation of his unique contributions to his city and his fellow citizens.

Whereas, ____ has been ____ since ____, and has announced his retirement as of ____; and

Whereas, ____ provided exemplary and invaluable service to our community; and

Whereas, ____ has served for years on the ____ and has received numerous awards and national recognition; and

Whereas, ____ has been an important resource, advocate, and friend for our community;

Now, therefore ... recognize ____ for his contributions to our community.

Whereas, citizens of ____ are grateful to ____ for his dedication in placing the needs of children first in all decision-making, and his outstanding leadership in preparing our children to meet the challenges of society;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join with us as we extend our sincere appreciation for his work, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Whereas, ____ has announced his retirement effective ____; and

Whereas, during a long and distinguished career in public service, he has accumulated an impressive list of degrees and honors, including ____, as well as many other awards and citations for public service, civic, and professional achievements; and

Whereas, ____ has given generously of his time and effort as a member of the ____; and

Whereas, ____ has supported programs to benefit people of all ages and walks of life, including ____; and

Whereas, with the love and encouragement of his fine family, he has been a powerful influence for good in our community; and

Whereas, he has earned and justly deserves this public recognition for his many years of service to our community;

Now, therefore ... extend our appreciation to ____ for his many years of service and our best wishes for many more happy and productive years in the future.

Whereas, ____ has served the ____ School System for ____ years; and

Whereas, ____ has strengthened the school and enhanced its reputation locally and nationally through his leadership, vision, and integrity; and

Whereas, ____ has served our civic community with distinction;

Now, therefore ... honor publicly ____ on the occasion of his retirement and for outstanding contributions to the ____ School System and to our city.

Whereas, ____ has been employed by the City of ____ since ____; and

Whereas, ____ has faithfully and conscientiously served the city and its citizens for ____ years; and

Whereas, ____ will retire from his position as ____ effective ____; and

Whereas, ____ consistently performed to the best of his ability during his tenure as ____; and

Whereas, the governing body, by this recognition, wishes to express its great appreciation to ____ for meritorious service, loyalty, and dedication to the City of ____;

Now, therefore ... commend ____ for many years of valuable service and expresses its sincere thanks on behalf of the City of ____.

Whereas, ____ is retiring after ____ years of dedicated service to the ____; and

Whereas, ____ has served this community well in many ways, including ____; and

Whereas, the citizens of ____ have been most fortunate to have had a person of his capabilities and dedication; and

Whereas, we deeply appreciate the important contributions ____ has made to our city government and to the progress of our community;

Now, therefore ... extend personal congratulations and best wishes to ____ for continued success in his life's pursuits.

SAFETY

- **Arson Awareness Week**
- **Bike Safety Week**
- **Building Safety Week**
- **Burn Awareness Week**
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month**
- **Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week**
- **Children in Car Safety Week**
- **Crime Prevention Month**
- **Crimestoppers Month**
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- **Farm Safety and Health Week**
- **Fire Prevention Week**
- **Kids Safety Week**
- **Lock Your Car Week**
- **Motorcycle Awareness Month**
- **Rape and Assault Prevention Week**
- **Safe Boating Week**
- **Safe Driving Day**
- **Victims' Rights Week**
- **Violence Against Women Awareness Month**

Arson Awareness Week

Whereas, arson is a serious crime that affects people and can only be stopped when citizens realize the physical and emotional damage suffered by arson victims and the toll arson takes on communities; and

Whereas, arson is a serious national problem; and

Whereas, over half of the arsons in the country are caused by juveniles and young children; and

Whereas, arson is frequently used as an act of terrorism and brutality; and

Whereas, cities, communities, and neighborhoods are blighted by arson resulting in the erosion of the tax base, the community's economic structure, loss of employers, and loss of jobs;

Now, therefore ... encourage our citizens to pay special tribute to all fire and law enforcement investigative agencies for their dedicated and tireless service.

Whereas, arson kills hundreds of people each year, destroys billions of dollars in property, and results in the loss of thousands of jobs; and

Whereas, arson is a difficult crime to prove, and even more difficult to prosecute; and

Whereas, it is possible to prevent or avoid arson fires in many cases if our community is alerted to the danger of arson and to steps they can take to prevent arson;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support our task force in the detection, investigation, prosecution, and prevention for the crime of arson in our community.

Whereas, the crime of arson takes the lives of hundreds of Americans each year and causes billions of dollars in direct loss of property and indirect loss to homes and workplaces; and

Whereas, arson continues to steadily place the lives and property of people in our community at risk;

Now, therefore ... support maintaining awareness of arson as a serious crime in the minds of our community.

Bike Safety Week

Whereas, bike safety week is designed to make our community a safe city for cyclists by teaching our motorists and bicyclists the basics of bicycle safety; and

Whereas, organizations are drawing the attention of all motorists to road and traffic hazards used jointly by cyclists;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to learn about bicycle safety.

Building Safety Week

Whereas, the safety of buildings – homes, places of business, recreation, worship, and work – is a fundamental interest of all persons; and

Whereas, our reputation as the community of choice depends on the continued confidence of our residents, workers, and visitors in the safety of all buildings in our city; and

Whereas, states, counties, cities, towns, and villages throughout the United States share the interests of our community in a safe building environment;

Now, therefore ... express the admiration and appreciation to our fire department and building safety department for their tireless efforts in assuring the safety of all people in our city through fair and effective enforcement of safety codes.

Whereas, building and construction codes have been in effect since Babylonian times; and

Whereas, these codes are intended to protect building occupants from injury, death or property loss from fire, collapse, electrical, plumbing or other structure-related crises; and

Whereas, building and construction codes also establish for builders and developers minimum standards for construction, thus providing the foundation for efficient and affordable construction;

Now, therefore ... appreciate the work done by the building and construction inspectors in our community.

Burn Awareness Week

Whereas, hundreds of children die and thousands of children are injured each year as a result of burn injuries; and

Whereas, this tragic toll can be reduced through intensive and effective education of children and parents; and

Whereas, efforts toward burn safety education and burn treatment are essential;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to become educated on burn safety.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Whereas, the problem of child abuse and neglect effects many of our children and has reached epidemic proportions; and

Whereas, our state faces a continuing need to support innovative programs to prevent child abuse and assist parents and family members when child abuse occurs; and

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of all citizens; and

Whereas, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and to feel secure; and

Whereas, community action is needed to help families break the cycle of abuse and improve family life;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens and institutions, both public and private, to support awareness of and services for abused children in our community.

Whereas, there is a crucial need for efforts by both individuals and groups to promote awareness of the plight of abused children; to work toward prevention of violence against children; and to provide services and treatment to these small victims of their families; and

Whereas, we, as caring citizens, must act as advocates for these children, and must support and expand programs that promote recognition and reporting mistreatment;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to join with our community abuse protection and prevention organization to stop child abuse.

Whereas, child abuse is a common problem, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

Whereas, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious, and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

Whereas, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse within the community, and become actively involved in its prevention;

Now, therefore ... call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week

Whereas, parents can show how much they love their children by buckling them up right every time; and

Whereas, studies show that the correct safety seat use would prevent thousands of injuries and save thousands of lives each year; and

Whereas, that's a lot of hugs and kisses from happy, healthy, and safe children for just the few moments it takes to protect them in a child safety seat or safety belt; and

Whereas, every person who drives is responsible for protecting the lives of children who ride with them; and

Whereas, a few seconds of effort can be worth a lifetime of love;

Now, therefore ... urge all parents and other adults with child passengers to make sure the safety seats are used correctly to give children the best possible protection.

Whereas, nationwide many thousands of children are killed or seriously injured each year as passengers in motor vehicles involved in accidents; and

Whereas, many deaths and injuries can be avoided through the proper use of motor vehicle child restraint systems; and

Whereas, many child safety seats are misused in some way, and correct placement and harnessing is critical to ensure adequate protection; and

Whereas, death and injury may be significantly reduced through greater public awareness, information, education, and enforcement of child safety seat laws; and

Whereas, we are concerned for the safety of our children and wish to promote the proper use of child safety restraint systems by the motoring public;

Now, therefore ... urge parents to learn how to use safety seats correctly.

Child in Car Safety Week

Whereas, the future of our state depends on its children; and

Whereas, it is the duty of parents, caretakers, and indeed, the entire community, to provide for the safety of the well-being of our smallest citizens; and

Whereas, many caring and responsible parents have left their children alone in a car, not realizing the risks involved – some parents think it is okay to leave a child alone while they run “just a minute” errands; and

Whereas, every year millions of children are left alone in or around vehicles which presents a very serious danger to them in the forms of abduction, heat stroke, trunk entrapment and even fatal car crashes; and

Whereas, our state and county want to raise the level of awareness regarding vehicle related, non-traffic incidents, and encourage responsible conduct toward our precious children;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to join with me in becoming educated on child safety in cars.

Crime Prevention Month

Whereas, crime and the fear of crime adversely affect the well-being and quality of life of all citizens and institutions in our community; and

Whereas, the financial loss, personal injury, and community deterioration resulting from crime are intolerable; and

Whereas, citizen crime prevention action has proven to be a successful force in reducing crime; and

Whereas, it is essential to continue to distribute crime prevention information to the public and encourage their involvement in crime prevention programs in order to help reduce the number of crime victims; and

Whereas, crime prevention adds immeasurably to the health, safety, and vigor of our community and should be encouraged and supported by governmental agencies, private businesses, merchants, schools, community clubs, and neighbors; and

Whereas, crime programs implemented at the national, state, regional and local level require support of all citizens;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to become aware of crime prevention measures and practices to safeguard our community.

Crimestoppers Month

Whereas, Crimestoppers is one of the ways for citizens to get involved in the fight against crime; and

Whereas, we must all work together to help make our streets and communities safe; and

Whereas, Crimestoppers encourages witnesses of crimes to provide anonymous tips which can lead to cash awards; and

Whereas, Crimestoppers is a non-profit community based program;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to give full regard to the past and continuing service of Crimestoppers.

Whereas, each year, during the month of January, communities around the world promote, share, and celebrate the success of Crimestopper programs; and

Whereas, communities all over the free world have come to recognize the value of joining together private citizens, the news media, and law enforcement in the fight against serious felony crime, that none alone can have the impact of all three joined together; and

Whereas, our city supports the promotion of these community-based programs; and

Whereas, during the month, crime prevention programs will launch new fund-raising projects, host a variety of public events and activities, and provide general information to increase public awareness of crime prevention and community safety; and

Whereas, the incredible success of Crimestoppers is due to the continued support from residents and organizations; and

Whereas, when concerned people watch out for each other and report crimes to the appropriate authorities, we all benefit;

Now, therefore ... congratulate Crimestoppers on their tremendous efforts and the success of this program.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Whereas, violence in the home is a problem that encompasses all racial, religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups; and

Whereas, during this month, local, state, and national domestic violence agencies will sponsor events to promote the awareness of domestic violence;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support programs in our community that highlight domestic violence awareness issues, and educate themselves about the problem of domestic violence.

Whereas, our community has come together in a collaborative manner to help victims of family violence; and

Whereas, the goal of our community is to support efforts to educate the public about issues of family violence; and

Whereas, several local churches and concerned citizens in our community have been involved in working together to organize ways so as to avoid duplication of services and to be sure all the services which were needed were made available in our community; and

Whereas, although we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish, we also know that we cannot make the kind of fundamental social changes necessary to stop the violence in our community without the help of many more devoted workers;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to make a difference to one child, one woman or one family who suffers from the pain of family violence.

Farm Safety and Health Week

Whereas, almost half of the land in the United States is used for agricultural production, and our nation depends on our hard-working farm and ranch families for food, fiber, and the good stewardship of our environment; and

Whereas, our community should give thanks for their dedication, sacrifices, and contributions to our country, and we should renew our commitment to the health and livelihoods of American farm and ranch families; and

Whereas, Americans must continue to promote the safety of our farmers and ranchers; and

Whereas, farming and ranching can be dangerous work, and proper education and training are critical to protecting the safety of farmers and ranchers; and

Whereas, by working together to encourage careful use of equipment and facilities, America helps our farm and ranch families remain healthier and more productive than any other farmers in the world; and

Whereas, farm and ranching communities play a vital role in protecting America's food supplies, water resources, and farm chemicals, and their efforts are important to the safety and security of our citizens;

Now, therefore ... honor our agricultural heritage and to recognize our farmers and ranchers for their remarkable contributions to our nation's vitality and prosperity.

Fire Prevention Week

Whereas, fires cause a staggering number of personal injuries and casualties to our citizens, as well as tremendous property damage and loss; and

Whereas, children playing with fire is the leading cause of fire deaths among the very young; and

Whereas, matches and lighters are what children playing with fire most often use; and

Whereas, teaching appropriate fire safety behaviors to children has proven to save lives; and

Whereas, said loss of life and destruction of property by fire can be reduced by focusing public attention upon facts about fires and fire prevention;

Now, therefore ... appeal to all our citizens to eliminate fire hazards in their homes, places of work, and in our schools, public buildings, and other places of public assembly.

Whereas, fire kills thousands of Americans and injures tens of thousands more every year; and

Whereas, direct and indirect losses due to fire are in excess of billions of dollars each year; and

Whereas, the principal causes of these fires are men, women, and children; and

Whereas, deaths, injuries, and losses from fire could be greatly reduced by simple acts of prevention;

Now, therefore ... hope that the combined efforts of our fire department, public fire safety educators, school teachers, and others help to reduce the incidence of fire and thus reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses.

Whereas, public fire education means teaching people how to protect themselves against the dangers of fire; and

Whereas, the danger of fire does exist in our community, as it does across the nation; and

Whereas, most fire and burn injuries are preventable; and

Whereas, through education, citizens can learn how to prevent fire and how to react in case it happens;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to learn about fire safety.

Kids Safety Week

Whereas, children are our most precious treasures, and the number of lost or missing children in America is a growing concern to us all; and

Whereas, a record of every child's fingerprints can be invaluable in tracing lost or missing children, in addition to serving as a major deterrent to would-be criminals who would perpetrate crimes upon our young people; and

Whereas, the safest, most appropriate place for such fingerprint records to rest is with the parents themselves;

Now, therefore ... urge the entire community to join forces in a total effort to safeguard our children and to organize a positive educational effort to teach our children the basic rules of safety.

Whereas, everyone should be made aware of the health benefits of regular, daily walking and that safe, suitable routes to school should exist in order for more children and parents to enjoy these benefits; and

Whereas, the lives of hundreds of children could be saved each year if every community takes steps to make pedestrian safety a priority; and

Whereas, parents and caregivers should teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of the dangers that children face on their trip to school each day; and

Whereas, everyone should work to increase the safety of children who are walking in our communities and develop suggestions and plans for improvements;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to consider the safety of pedestrians and cyclists everyday.

Lock Your Car Week

Whereas, the alarming increase of auto theft across the nation and in our own area is becoming an economic menace; and

Whereas, statistics furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and juvenile authorities show that a large percentage of auto thefts are perpetrated by teenagers, and that auto theft has frequently been the first offense in a life of crime; and

Whereas, statistics show that in a large percentage of auto theft cases the owner left his keys in the car; and

Whereas, a concerted effort is being made by our community to alert car owners that they are inviting someone to steal their car when they leave it unlocked;

Now, therefore ... ask all residents to help curb the auto theft problems.

Motorcycle Awareness Month

Whereas, many individuals throughout the United States operate motorcycles for pleasure and enjoyment; and

Whereas, each year many thousands of cyclists are injured or killed as a result of motorcycle accidents on the roadways; and

Whereas, since motorcycles lack the protective armor of trucks and automobiles, their operators are at even greater risk of serious injury or death by accident; and

Whereas, a great many of the accidents and injuries involving cyclists annually are the result of encounters with operators of trucks and automobiles;

Now, therefore ... encourage operators of motorcycles, trucks and automobiles to be conscious of their respective responsibilities on the public roads in our community.

Whereas, motorcycle associations are actively trying to improve the image of motorcyclists through community support and contributions, such as blood donations to the Red Cross, donations to the Marine Corps Reserves, Toys for Tots, and monetary contributions to United Cerebral Palsy, and Easter Seals; and

Whereas, with approaching warm weather, more motorcycles will be on the highways; and

Whereas, motorcycle associations try to promote motorcycle safety through education of the entire motoring public by attempting to get the automobile driver to see this small vehicle, to respect its rights, and for both to act with the safety, best interests and well-being of all motorists at heart, thus saving lives, and reducing accidents through awareness and concern;

Now, therefore ... encourage motorists to acknowledge and be aware of the increasing volume of motorcycles sharing the highways.

Rape and Assault Prevention Week

Whereas, this week provides an opportunity for rape prevention, self-defense, and martial arts instructors to reach out to citizens to increase the awareness and understanding that violent acts committed against women occur, and education along with self-preservation skills make for a more secure and safer community; and

Whereas, a broader knowledge and consciousness of the ways rape and assault prevention training benefits one's safety is achieved by promoting the skills, knowledge, and attitude required to prevent women from being violated in our community; and

Whereas, rape and assault prevention and training services benefit the entire population, crossing all ethnic, soci-economic, individual family, and social strata; and

Whereas, victims of rape can begin the recovery process much faster due to the coordinated efforts of agency personnel, such as trained law enforcement officers, emergency room staff, social workers, and rape crisis advocates; and

Whereas, if we are to continue to improve the understanding and appreciation for the vital impact rape and assault prevention has upon shaping a safer future for all of us, we must emphasize the complexity of the matter;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to recognize the threat of acquaintance rape and join in preventing the incidence of forcible rape in our society.

Whereas, forcible rape, or carnal knowledge of a female through the use of force or the threat of force, continues to rise in our increasingly complex and tension-filled society; and

Whereas, too often, the burden for rape prevention is placed on females; yet, those who perpetrate such crimes must learn that forcing themselves upon any unwilling female qualifies as a rape; and

Whereas, acquaintance rape is the most difficult crime to combat, since many men are taught extreme aggressiveness from infancy; and

Whereas, rapes occur most frequently between acquaintances; and

Whereas, rape crisis centers, law enforcement, and other social service agencies can provide training to lessen the likelihood of assault;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to recognize the threat of acquaintance rape and join in preventing the incidence of forcible rape in our society.

Safe Boating Week

Whereas, hundreds of lives could be saved each year by the wearing of life jackets – and the life jackets of today are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than earlier styles of years past; and

Whereas, the law requires that wearable life jackets be carried for each person on board the boat, and little effort is needed to wear those life jackets; and

Whereas, responsible boaters must learn the local boating regulations, master the "rules of the road," not drink alcohol and boat, wear their life jacket, and respect fellow boaters;

Now, therefore ... urge all who boat to wear life jackets and practice safe boating.

Whereas, most Americans each year are choosing recreational boating as an ideal way to relax with their families and friends; and

Whereas, what starts out as a pleasant cruise often ends in tragedy because boaters fail to teach their families to swim, fail to properly equip their craft with personal flotation devices and other protective equipment, or fail to instruct their passengers in the use of such devices prior to a boating cruise; and

Whereas, every year, hundreds of lives are lost in boating accidents; and

Whereas, these fatalities can be reduced if those who engage in it will emphasize the knowledge, care, and courtesy necessary for safe boating;

Now, therefore ... urge all those who use our waterways to acquire the skills and knowledge essential to their own safety and that of others and to apply them carefully.

Safe Driving Day

Whereas, traffic crashes cause thousands of fatalities each year; and

Whereas, safer driving behaviors, such as using seat belts, not drinking and driving, and obeying traffic laws, would dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths; and

Whereas, the use of cost-effective roadway safety improvements, such as all-weather signing and markings, traffic signals, skid resistant pavements and removal of roadside hazards, could also greatly reduce the number of traffic crashes; and

Whereas, the continued development of safer vehicles and protective traffic safety equipment, such as helmets, will enhance people's ability to protect themselves and their families from preventable and tragic permanent injuries and deaths;

Now, therefore ... call upon everyone to help save lives by spreading these important messages throughout our communities.

Victims' Right Week

Whereas, the cost of crime to victims exceeds billions of dollars annually; and

Whereas, the public and private sectors must join together with our government to address the crisis of violent crime and to promote greatly needed services to innocent victims of crime; and

Whereas, our community must implement programs and services to provide violent crime victims with comprehensive services, including counseling, guidance through our criminal justice system, compensation, and restitution;

Now, therefore ... ask our citizens to reaffirm their commitment to address victims' rights and criminal justice issues.

Whereas, there is a dire need to promote efforts by the public and private sectors of our community to curb the growing crime rate and provide greatly needed services to victims of crime; and

Whereas, the citizens of our community must join together and advocate for victims, promote accountability of our judicial system, and support and expand programs dedicated to helping crime victims; and

Whereas, hundreds of our fellow citizens, in their work and their volunteer activities, are devoting themselves to bringing a full measure of dignity, compassion, and justice to those of our friends, relatives, and neighbors who suffer because of crime;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens, institutions, public and private, to support victims' rights and services in our community.

Violence Against Women Awareness Month

Whereas, violence against women is a problem worldwide, occurring in all regions, countries, societies, and cultures and affecting women irrespective of income, class, race or ethnicity; and

Whereas, the United Nations has defined violence against women as "any act of gender-based violence that results in physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life;" and

Whereas, the many forms of violence to which women are subjected are not simply examples of random victimization, but are associated with inequality between women and men and are strategies to perpetuate or entrench that inequity; and

Whereas, government has an obligation to prevent, investigate, and punish acts of violence and to provide protection for victims, and, as such, we all have an obligation to change attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate the violence; and

Whereas, the city supports the development of strategies and the enhancement of programs and services and is taking a leadership role to end violence against women;

Now, therefore ... encourage all to join the fight to stop violence towards women.

SENIOR CITIZENS

- **AARP Independent Living Week**
- **Adult Day Care Center Week**
- **Adult Immunization Awareness Week**
- **Birthdays**
- **Employ the Older Worker Week**
- **Residents' Rights Week**
- **Seniors' Month**
- **Senior Center Week**

AARP Independent Living Week

Whereas, an overwhelming majority of older Americans want to stay in charge of their lives as they age, remaining in their homes and communities as long as possible; and

Whereas, AARP's Connections For Independent Living Program focuses attention nationwide on the things older persons can do to maintain their own independence and the things communities can do to help foster and support that independence; and

Whereas, this week promotes community service and volunteerism by encouraging neighbors helping neighbors; and

Whereas, AARP members and others who serve seniors in the community will spend this week engaged in community activities that will encourage self-help projects and will distribute information about simple steps people can take to increase the safety and security of their own homes;

Now, therefore ... honor this worthy program and urge all citizens to make a difference in the lives of older persons in their own families, neighborhoods, and communities by assisting with simple home maintenance or improvement projects, providing local transportation for those who can no longer drive, offering companionship to those who are isolated or alone, or providing other services, and assistance that will help older citizens of our community remain independent in their own homes.

Adult Day Care Center Week

Whereas, the deliverance of the best quality health care to all citizens is the function of adult day care agencies; and

Whereas, these centers are able to provide a wide range of health services to citizens to help them remain in their own homes and prevent institutionalization; and

Whereas, our community joins the United States Congress in paying tribute to the dedicated people who serve the ill, recuperating, and aged citizens of our community;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance.

Adult Immunization Awareness Week

Whereas, thousands of adults in this country are unprotected from disease such as influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia; and

Whereas, many deaths could have been prevented through vaccination; and

Whereas, all immunization providers are encouraged to work with their communities to vaccinate adults by expanding clinic hours, increasing screenings, and distributing educational and promotional materials; and

Whereas, by joining efforts of agencies, businesses, civic, and religious organizations in our community, we can help protect adults in our community from becoming at risk of death or disability from a vaccine-preventable disease;

Now, therefore ... call upon our citizens to join in supporting these efforts to fully immunize our adult population.

Birthdays

Whereas, ____ has reached the age of ____ deserving this special recognition by the City of ____ for many individual contributions to the community; and

Whereas, ____ has given generously of his time and effort as evidenced by his volunteering for many organizations;

Now, therefore ... urge all the citizens to pay special tribute to this very special member of our community.

Whereas, ____ will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of his ____ birthday on ____; and

Whereas, ____ was a devoted spouse; and

Whereas, ____'s marriage was blessed with ____ wonderful children (____) and ____ outstanding grandchildren (____); and

Whereas, ____ has earned the title many times over of being the World's Greatest Dad; and

Whereas, during his long and productive lifetime, ____ has earned the respect and admiration of his family, friends and people from all walks of life; and

Whereas, through the years, with the love and encouragement of his family, ____ has been a good influence on those around him;

Now, therefore ... extend to ____ sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years in the future.

Whereas, ___ was born in ___ on ___; and

Whereas, the longevity of life is a blessing to an individual and to a community by providing an opportunity for an investment of knowledge, creativity, and experience for all; and

Whereas, the City of ___ recognizes the contribution of senior citizens to our community and the important role they serve in our society; and

Whereas, ___ has earned the respect and admiration of our citizens because of his knowledge, experience, wisdom, and community spirit; and

Whereas, ___ has demonstrated, in countless ways, his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to pay special tribute to this very special member of our community.

Whereas, ___ was born on ___ and is now celebrating his ___th birthday; and

Whereas, ___ is a wonderful father to his children ___; and

Whereas, ___ is a loving grandfather to his ___ grandchildren, ___, and his great grandchildren ___; and

Whereas, ___ has been employed by ___ for over ___ years and has earned the love and respect of his co-workers and customers;

Now, therefore ... wish ___ a happy ___th birthday and call on all citizens to pay special tribute to ___.

Whereas, ___ will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of his ___ birthday on ____; and

Whereas, since moving to our area, ___ has demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

Whereas, ___ has been active in church and civic activities, including _____

Now, therefore ... honor and pleasure to extend to ___ sincere congratulations on his ___ birthday and best wishes for many more happy, productive years in the future.

Whereas, ____ will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of his ____ birthday on ____; and

Whereas, in addition to his duties as husband and father, ____ has been active in his church; and

Whereas, during his long and productive lifetime, ____ has earned the respect and admiration of his family, friends, and people from all walks of life as he has demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to the welfare of others;

Now, therefore ... deem it an honor and pleasure to extend to ____ sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years in the future.

Whereas, ____ will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of his ____ birthday on ____; and

Whereas, his life-long dedication to civically-minded organizations has allowed ____ to utilize his time, talents, and knowledge to the greatest capacity in order to serve the citizens of our community; and

Whereas, ____ has been a contributor to various organizations that serve families and individuals; and

Whereas, ____ has been an exceptional role model for his family and friends; and

Whereas, ____'s appreciation and respect for the area are undying, as well as his support for various programs that help ensure the appropriate growth of the area; and

Whereas, during his long and productive lifetime, ____ has earned the respect and admiration of his family, friends, and people from all walks of life;

Now, therefore ... deem it an honor and pleasure to extend to ____ sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy, productive years in the future.

Employ the Older Worker Week

Whereas, mature employees bring both ability and experience to the labor market and could contribute to increased state and national productivity if their employment potential were maximized; and

Whereas, the federal government identifies employment of middle-aged and older workers as a priority in attaining maximum productivity of the labor force;

Now, therefore ... urge all employers in our city to carefully consider the qualifications of persons 45 and older when they seek new employees and ask employers with job-placement responsibility to intensify their efforts throughout the year to help older workers find suitable jobs.

Residents' Rights Week

Whereas, Residents' Rights Week is designated each year to honor residents of all long-term care facilities, including those residing in assisted living, board and care, sub acute units, nursing homes, and retirement communities; and

Whereas, this is a time to reflect on the importance of the Nursing Home Reform Law of 1987, and the work of thousands of individuals who collaborated to assure that dignity, privacy, and other basic human rights, that often are taken for granted in the community, must be an integral component of life in nursing homes; and

Whereas, Residents' Rights Week should focus on the giant positive strides made by residents, families, and facility staff to build good policies, procedures, training guides, and other tools to assure a homelike environment for residents;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to remember that many of these men and women are alone in the world, having outlived relatives and friends, or being some distance from their former community.

Seniors' Month

Whereas, seniors are the fastest growing sector of our population, and Seniors' Month provides us with an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the tremendous contribution they make to the life and vibrancy of our city; and

Whereas, seniors are a valuable resource and continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of the community; and

Whereas, their contributions have earned our appreciation, and their stories deserve to be told; and

Whereas, seniors play an instrumental role in defining our communities, and their health and well-being benefits us all and makes for a successful and healthy city;

Now, therefore ... encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of our seniors and the contribution they make to our city.

Whereas, there is a need to realize now, more than ever, what a resource our older Americans are, and that the abilities of older Americans to invest in our city with their knowledge, creativity, and experience cannot be denied; and

Whereas, never before in the history of our country have youth been in greater need of the wisdom of counseling of older people;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to realize that it is imperative that we take advantage of the vital resources our older Americans provide.

Whereas, older Americans have devoted a lifetime to the well-being of communities throughout the United States; and

Whereas, advances in preventive medicine, health promotion, and physical fitness, housing, transportation, independent and assisted living devices, access to information, and opportunities for employment serve to make our seniors some of the healthiest, most educated, most active and independent in the world; and

Whereas, later years can provide frailty in some persons; however, aging can be a positive step for all Americans to make for a long, happy, and meaningful life;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to give our older citizens the understanding and respect they are due and lend them our support and assistance in maintaining their independence, thereby enabling them to continue their contributions to our community.

Whereas, our community is joining the nation to recognize and honor older citizens for their continued contributions to our city, state, and nation and call attention to the issues that affect them most; and

Whereas, aging is a life-long process, and preparation for old age begins in childhood and continues throughout the life-cycle; and

Whereas, older individuals are entitled to aspire to and attain the highest possible level of health, recognizing that with increased age some individuals will need comprehensive community and family care; and

Whereas, we are optimistic that in future years there will be an increase of partnership, collaborative efforts, and resources devoted to the aging process and the provision of community care, family care, recreational, and leisure opportunities;

Now, therefore ... pay a special tribute to our older population and their families.

Senior Center Week

Whereas, senior centers serve in their communities as a focal point for the delivery of services to older persons; and

Whereas, senior centers seek to create an atmosphere that acknowledges the value of human life by working with the individual, the family, and the community; and

Whereas, the uniqueness of senior centers stems from their total concern for older people;

Now, therefore ... urge our community to create and support a sense of community which enables older persons to continue their involvement with and contribution to the larger community.

SPORTS & RECREATION

- **Baseball Week**
- **Basketball Recognition**
- **Basketball Tournament Week**
- **Bike Month**
- **Football Recognition**
- **Karate Youth Sportsmanship Day**
- **Little League Recognition**
- **Miscellaneous Recognition**
- **Quiz Bowl Team Recognition**
- **Recreation and Parks Month**
- **Soccer Week**
- **Special Olympics Softball Team Recognition**
- **Tennis Across America Day**
- **Volleyball Week**

Baseball Week

Whereas, the sport of baseball, which has expressed the heart and character of America for many years, has been properly recognized as our nation's pastime; and

Whereas, the ____ is a program of service to the youth of our community, dedicated to teaching sportsmanship and the competitive will to win, as well as furthering physical fitness and well-being through healthful association with other youngsters under proper leadership; and

Whereas, players, managers, coaches, officials, parents, umpires, and countless others work together in an atmosphere of wholesome community activity to provide valuable training for the participants and entertainment for the spectators; and

Whereas, it is fitting that we recognize not only the adults who give so freely of their time and energy, and whose only reward is the satisfaction of providing young people the opportunity to enjoy baseball, and to learn the basic ideals of fair play and good sportsmanship, but to also recognize and commend the young athletes who are developing their potential in so many ways by participating in this program;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to be cognizant of the importance of organized sports in the development of our most valuable assets – our youth.

Basketball Recognition

Whereas, the ____ Basketball Team, under Coach ____ and staff, is to be recognized and honored for their outstanding ____ basketball season; and

Whereas, by its extraordinary efforts, this dynamic team has won ____ titles and progressed to achieving the ____ championship title and ending the season with an amazing record of ____; and

Whereas, the excellent performance, dedication, and commitment of these young men, along with their coaching staff, have proven to be a source of admiration and inspiration to the citizens of ____; and

Whereas, ____ has won the recognition as being chosen ____; and

Whereas, Coach ____ has been named by the ____ as "Coach of the Year;"

Now, therefore ... honor the ____ Basketball Team and coaching staff for their outstanding achievements and commend them for their display of sportsmanship and leadership.

Whereas, the ____ Basketball Team has won the ____ tournament; and

Whereas, by winning the ____ tournament, the ____ have earned the right to proceed to the ____ tournament; and

Whereas, special commendation is due all team members, to Coach ____ and to Assistant Coach ____; and

Whereas, this has been an exciting, hard-fought, and successful basketball season for the ____; and

Whereas, our city is proud of the record the ____ have earned and the fine publicity they have brought to our community by their good sportsmanship and inspired team play; and

Whereas, the team's accomplishments are consistent with Head Coach ____'s dedication to academic excellence, personal growth, and team unity;

Now, therefore ... congratulates ____ High School, its basketball team, its coaches, its athletic department and all people associated with the basketball team for the outstanding accomplishments.

Whereas, on ____, the ____ Basketball Team won the ____; and

Whereas, this has been an exciting, hard-fought and successful season, and we are proud of the record the ____ has earned; and

Whereas, special commendation is due to the entire basketball team, to Coach ____ and his staff, to ____ Team President, and to the team sponsors who have given generously of financial and moral support; and

Whereas, we are pleased to publicly commend the ____ for their fine efforts and extend to them this token of affection and admiration;

Now, therefore ... extend our pride in the ___'s accomplishment and our appreciation for the fine publicity they have brought to our community by their good sportsmanship and inspired team play.

Whereas, the men's basketball team from ___ High School completed their ___ season undefeated; and

Whereas, the ___ of ___ High School displayed character, ability, and perseverance of the highest order in this season;

Now, therefore ... specifically commend and honor the following members of the ___ High School ___'s team: ___, ___, ...

Basketball Tournament Week

Whereas, the ___ Basketball Tournament will be held in ___, ___, 20___, of this year; and

Whereas, the ___ Basketball Tournament is co-sponsored by the ___; and

Whereas, in the past years, the Basketball Tournament has been a tremendous success attracting record crowds including thousands of visitors to this area, and was of great benefit to the city and surrounding communities;

Now, therefore ... warmly welcome the ___ Basketball Tournament to our city.

Whereas, the ___ is pleased and honored to have the ___ Basketball Tournament in our great city; and

Whereas, the event promises to be an exciting one; and

Whereas, we recognize the significant positive influence organizations achieve that channel the energies and enthusiasm of so many of our citizens into healthy activities, teaching sportsmanship and the competitive will to win, and furthering physical fitness and well-being through wholesome association with others in organized sports;

Now, therefore ... the city applauds the ___ players, coaches, and staff as they set out to crown the ___ championship.

Bike Month

Whereas, for over a century, the bicycle has been an important part of the lives of Americans, usually providing their first form of independent transportation; and

Whereas, millions of Americans engage in bicycling for fitness, sport, recreation, and transportation; and

Whereas, for more than forty-four years, the bicycle industry, bicycling organizations, and cyclists of the United States have celebrated the month of May as American Bike Month, observing the joys of this unique, human-powered vehicle; and

Whereas, bicycling organizations, governments, and businesses are working together to promote and enhance bicycle use; and

Whereas, U.S. cyclists – both professional and amateur, men and women – have become a major force in the highest levels of international competition, and now include world championships; and

Whereas, serious participation in bicycling is on the upswing, with more races, bike-a-thons and events of all kinds being organized; and

Whereas, the needs of cyclists for safe and clean roads, bridge access, and vehicle code improvement are receiving increased attention;

Now, therefore ... further encourage all our citizens to get back on their bikes.

Football Recognition

Whereas, ____ has recently won the ____ and will now represent our region in the ____; and

Whereas, this year has been a hard-fought, successful season for the ____, and we are proud of the record that they have earned and the publicity that has been brought to our area by their inspired play; and

Whereas, the team members of the ____ have shown their dedication to our area through their volunteerism and continued involvement in many organizations to make our city a better place in which to live; and

Whereas, his is an inspiration to his friends, family, teachers, and coaches; and

Whereas, may his spirit and determination carry him well as he competes on the ____ level;

Now, therefore ... commend him for his dedication and commitment to his team and to his community.

Whereas, the sport of football expresses the heart and character of America and for many years has been properly recognized; and

Whereas, the ____ Football Team has provided a valuable service to this community by teaching the youth of our community sportsmanship and the competitive will to win, as well as furthering physical fitness and well-being through healthful association with other young men; and

Whereas, players, managers, coaches, officials, parents, and countless others work together in an atmosphere of wholesome community activity to provide entertainment for the spectators;

Now, therefore ... publicly thank the ____ Football Team for its generosity in giving back to the community.

Whereas, ____ has brought honor and prestige to our community and to the State of ____ in serving as Head Football Coach for over ____ years; and

Whereas, ____ was instrumental in developing pride, integrity, and high aspirations for ____'s athletic program in his dedicated service as coach, athletic director, friend and general counsel for thousands of our young people; and

Whereas, during his tenure with ____, ____ successfully led the school into ____ championships; and

Whereas, ____, through his personal and professional efforts and his deep and genuine love for coaching, earned the admiration and high regard of all his associates;

Now, therefore ... thank ____ for his dedicated service, which has been an inspiration to our entire community.

Whereas, on behalf of the governing body and all the citizens of our community, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to express to all the members of the ____ High School ____ team our sincere congratulations for advancing to the ____ on ____; and

Whereas, the ____ can proudly boast a record of ____ for the ____ season; and

Whereas, special commendation is due to all team members, to Coach ____ and his staff; and

Whereas, we are pleased to publicly commend the ____ for their fine efforts, their sportsmanship, inspired team play, and to extend this token of the affection and admiration with which they are regarded in this community;

Now, therefore ... extend our best wishes for the ____'s continued success.

Karate Youth Sportsmanship Day

Whereas, a continuing goal and purpose of the U.S.A. Karate Federation is to develop and implement programs for our young athletes and to build strong character, high moral fiber and integrity; and

Whereas, proper martial arts training serves as a positive vehicle to instill the social values and skills necessary to combat the drug and violence-related social

pressures our youth face, and the core philosophy of the U.S.A. Karate Federation stresses the importance of a healthy mind and body for living a productive life;

Now, therefore ... recognize the U.S.A. Karate Federation's contribution to the betterment of our community's youth, and to express appreciation to parents and martial arts educators for their dedicated work with our youth.

Little League Recognition

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the city that a local group of 9- and 10-year old boys and their adult chaperones have experienced a successful young baseball season; and

Whereas, the coaches and adult volunteers of the ____ have given of their time, patience, skills and talents to coach their team to the ____ championship;

Now, therefore ... recognize and express the city's congratulation to the members and parents of the ____ Baseball Team, and urge all citizens to join with our city in recognizing the work and dedication of these outstanding athletics.

Miscellaneous Recognition

Whereas, we realize that participation in organized athletics helps build character and teaches a wholesome sense of good sportsmanship among our youth; and

Whereas, to really excel in any one sport, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work; and

Whereas, a striking example of this is the achievement of _____

Now, therefore ... extend our best wishes to ____ for continued success.

Quiz Bowl Team Recognition

Whereas, the Quiz Bowl Team demonstrated its comprehensive knowledge of facts in science, mathematics, literature, current events, history, geography, theatre and the arts, to name just a handful of themes; and

Whereas, the Quiz Bowl Team won the ____ in competition with ____ other teams;

Now therefore ... commend the Quiz Bowl Team for its pursuit of excellence and for the prestige it has brought the students of ____ High School and the citizens of our city. In addition, ... expresses its congratulations and best wishes to each member of the Quiz Bowl Team in all future endeavors.

Recreation and Parks Month

Whereas, individuals and organized forms of recreation and the creative use of free time have gained growing importance in the lives of all Americans as they find more time for personal pursuits; and

Whereas, recreation encompasses a myriad of activities that result in satisfaction and family unity; and

Whereas, recreation promotes a zestful approach to life in general through the encouragement of a broad range of recreation activities that do not demand special instructions or special equipment; and

Whereas, recreation in its most far-reaching benefits, can help combat problems of juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, disabling old age, and general depression by highlighting new avenues of interest to every individual in the community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to relish the wonders of nature around them and participate in the diverse recreation opportunities offered to them.

Whereas, we are more aware than ever before of the important role which leisure activities will have in our future lives and in the lives of our children; and

Whereas, our city offers an impressive array of recreation facilities and leisure activities for the benefit of all our citizens; and

Whereas, these recreation activities contribute immeasurably to the physical, mental, and economic health of our residents; and

Whereas, recreational and physical activity provide outlets for stress; options for leisure time and physical activities; preventive health insurance for all; and fun, enjoyable, good time, physical activity;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to participate in the constructive, creative, and meaningful free-time activities.

Whereas, physical recreation and meaningful leisure experiences contribute to physical and mental well-being as well as the overall quality of life; and

Whereas, community recreation and leisure opportunities create socially beneficial connections between and among individuals, groups, and communities; and

Whereas, parks and recreation services provide preventive health benefits, support more productive work forces, enhance the desirability of locations for business and families, and stimulate tourism revenue to increase a total community economic development model; and

Whereas, the provision and preservation of parks and open spaces are both an investment and insurance plan for our collective quality of life;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize all the benefits derived from quality public and private recreation and park resources in our community.

Soccer Week

Whereas, soccer is one of the world's most popular sports; and

Whereas, soccer is the fastest growing team sport in the United States; and

Whereas, the US Soccer Federation supports soccer at all levels; and

Whereas, soccer provides an excellent opportunity for our youth to develop team and individual athletic skills;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to enthusiastically support soccer in our area.

Special Olympics Softball Team Recognition

Whereas, Special Olympics athletes improve their fitness, endurance, cardiovascular capacity, strength, confidence, self-esteem, and discipline; and

Whereas, by their extraordinary effort and coaching, the Special Olympics Softball Team from ___ has won ___ games in Special Olympics competition; and

Whereas, the outstanding performance, dedication and discipline has resulted in ___ Special Olympics Softball Team winning the ___;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to honor these outstanding young athletes.

Tennis Across America Day

Whereas, tennis is a recreational game and a competitive sport that is played by millions of people of all ages and ability levels across the United States; and

Whereas, tennis is a proven means of achieving physical fitness; and

Whereas, the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) is the oldest and largest association of professional tennis teachers in the world; and

Whereas, the USPTA, a not-for-profit association, and its members aspire to increase participation in tennis and elevate standards of tennis teaching as a profession;

Now, therefore ... acknowledge the unselfish efforts of the USPTA teaching professionals to contribute further to the revitalization of tennis and to the value of health consciousness in communities across the United States.

Volleyball Week

Whereas, the sport of volleyball continues to grow in popularity; and

Whereas, our community has an awareness of this growth;

Now, therefore ... urge all interested citizens to take part in this exciting event.

VETERANS

- **Disabled American Veterans**
- **Employ a Vet Week**
- **Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Day**
- **Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week**
- **Veterans' Day**
- **Veterans of Foreign War - Buddy Poppies**

Disabled American Veterans

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is a nonprofit association of more than a million veterans who suffered some degree of disability while serving in war or armed conflict; and

Whereas, through its corps of 250 National Service Offices, the DAV provides invaluable assistance to disabled veterans throughout the country; and

Whereas, the DAV extends disaster relief to disabled veterans affected by natural calamities such as tornadoes or floods; and

Whereas, DAV volunteers donate millions of hours to veterans at Veterans Administration hospitals and another million hours to veterans hospitalized in non-Veterans Administration facilities; and

Whereas, at the local level, DAV volunteers transport sick and disabled veterans to Veterans Administration medical centers for treatment and continually seek new ways to help disabled veterans and their families;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support our veterans in their efforts to help others.

Employ a Vet Week

Whereas, our community has been built with the help of veterans who served their country during peace and war and kept our democracy safe; and

Whereas, more and more of these men and women are returning to the community seeking full-time employment; and

Whereas, veterans are an important part of our daily lives; and

Whereas, veterans enhance our work force with their experience and skills and should be given special consideration for jobs; and

Whereas, veterans have acquired valuable skills, both in the Armed Forces of the United States and through their civilian pursuits, and are deserving our best efforts to ensure they enjoy the fruits of their labor;

Now, therefore ... urge the employment of veterans by our community businesses.

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Day

Whereas, the thousands of members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States are providing outstanding volunteer services to American veterans and other citizens; and

Whereas, members provide services to veterans who are either hospitalized or at home in their communities, aid and comfort their families, and assist homeless veterans with a variety of rehabilitative programs; and

Whereas, members raise millions of dollars each year to support cancer research and provide assistance to those who suffer from the disease; and

Whereas, members demonstrate their concern for America's children by providing scholarship programs enabling students to further their education while learning about patriotism; and

Whereas, Auxiliary members continue to promote the precious freedom which was won by their husbands, sons, or other loved ones by donating flags to community groups, and by teaching the proper salute to the flag; and

Whereas, members foster our American heritage by conducting an annual patriotic ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation and beautification of this nation's most treasured symbol of freedom, the Statue of Liberty;

Now, therefore ... honor all Auxiliary members who volunteer their valuable time, talents and resources so that this might be a better world.

Whereas, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has demonstrated outstanding patriotism and community service; and

Whereas, the organization represents veterans and the families of those patriots who protected our country on foreign soil so that we might enjoy freedom at home today; and

Whereas, the organization also serves young people, senior citizens, hospital patients and numerous other Americans;

Now, therefore ... honor all Auxiliary members who continue to donate their time, talents and resources to protect our freedom and to build an even better America.

Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week

Whereas, many thousand of veterans of America's armed forces have served this nation in times of both peace and war, and in doing so have thereby assured the safety and prosperity of all her people; and

Whereas, more than a million veterans enter Veterans Administration medical facilities nationwide for medical attention annually; and

Whereas, these hospitalized veterans, who yet bear the physical and emotional scars of war, have most surely earned our gratitude for the many personal sacrifices they have made on our behalf; and

Whereas, the Veterans Administration has organized a national time of tribute honoring all hospitalized veterans, with the purpose of urging all Americans to remember these men and women especially at this time and throughout the year;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to express to all hospitalized veterans our concern, care and sincere appreciation.

Veterans' Day

Whereas, the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been purchased and maintained at a high price throughout our history; and

Whereas, since the establishment of the original 13 states, Americans have been willing to fight and die to preserve their individual rights as guaranteed in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and

Whereas, we owe a great debt to those who have served in defense of this nation; and

Whereas, throughout the generations, their sacrifices have preserved our unique form of government dedicated to human rights and respect for the individual; and

Whereas, for many, that sacrifice has ended in permanent injury or death, yet their spirit remains in the continued preservation of our freedoms and the promise of liberty established as an example for all the oppressed persons of the world; and

Whereas, in honor of these dedicated men and women, we pledge our continued defense of our nation so that their sacrifice will stand before the entire world as a tribute to the spirit and determination of a people dedicated to the principles of freedom and democracy;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to honor our veterans and rededicate themselves to the preservation of our liberties under the Constitution.

Whereas, honorable service performed in the defense of our nation and her cause in time of war is the highest form of citizenship; and

Whereas, the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America have made major contributions toward the preservation of the freedom of this nation and her people; and

Whereas, the services performed by these millions of gallant Americans have demonstrated the willingness of our nation to meet the challenges of those forces wishing to subjugate individual determination through armed conflict; and

Whereas, the nation and the free world are eternally grateful for the contributions of American veterans – men and women – to the advancement of the cause of an honorable world peace;

Now, therefore ... call upon all citizens to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies in honor of those who have served to preserve the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

Veterans of Foreign War – Buddy Poppies

Whereas, the annual distribution of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and

Whereas, V.F.W. Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

Whereas, the basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to “Honor the Dead by Helping the Living;”

Now, therefore ... urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms, which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

VOLUNTEERS

- **AmeriCorps Appreciation Month**
- **Make a Difference Day**
- **Meals on Wheels Volunteer Day**
- **Miscellaneous**
- **Volunteer Week**

AmeriCorps Appreciation Month

Whereas, all across the country, AmeriCorps volunteers are serving as a catalyst for community action; and

Whereas, these citizens tutor and mentor children, build homes, clean parks, restore cemeteries, and make other community improvements; and

Whereas, AmeriCorps members have recruited, trained, or supervised millions of volunteers in community projects;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event.

Make a Difference Day

Whereas, the foundation of a humane and just society is the people's willingness to work together for the common good; and

Whereas, our country's volunteer force is a great treasure; and

Whereas, self-sacrificing individuals mobilized to help others can stem the tide of poverty, hunger, homelessness, abuse, and other problems that afflict society; and

Whereas, the giving of one's service empowers the giver and the recipient; and

Whereas, it is the duty of our citizens to find opportunities to make a difference in the lives of those around them and dedicate time and resources to their community;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to engage in projects benefiting the community.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Day

Whereas, Meals on Wheels has for many years played an important role in the lives of homebound elderly and handicapped of this community; and

Whereas, our city is proud to recognize the many contributions of Meals on Wheels and its volunteers to this community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to support Meals on Wheels.

Miscellaneous

Whereas, ____ has voluntarily served this community well for many years; and

Whereas, these years of service have been marked by exemplary dedication to the best interests of this community; and

Whereas, he has continually demonstrated his willingness to place his concern for his fellow man and the public good ahead of his personal interests;

Now, therefore ... thank ____ for his distinguished service and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

Whereas, the utilization of volunteer services has become crucial in providing needed services to our community; and

Whereas, our residents have graciously donated time and talent toward a more diversified and quality program of parks and recreation services; and

Whereas, the City of ____ wishes to recognize these individuals for their continued cooperation and to encourage the voluntary participation of others in this valuable service; and

Whereas, the City of ____ wishes to recognize these individuals for their dedicated efforts toward developing a sense of community spirit through their service;

Now, therefore ... recognize ____ and ____ for their outstanding community services.

Whereas, the many volunteers for the ____ have contributed hundreds of hours and resources to make the ____ a reality in our community; and

Whereas, our city would like to offer special recognition to the efforts of ____ and ____ for their efforts in bringing ____ into our community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the endeavors made by our volunteers to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Whereas, ____ is pleased to unveil to the larger ____ community their new program entitled ____; and

Whereas, the mission of the program will ____; and

Whereas, our community relies heavily upon volunteer assistance and collaboration to provide services; and

Whereas, the program currently operates under the direction of ____, and many others, to ensure collaboration and effective use of existing community resources; and

Whereas, the City of ____ honors and expresses appreciation to ____ for their initial and ongoing generous financial support; and

Whereas, our city urges all citizens and businesses to get involved with this program;

Now, therefore ... urge any family or individual who wants to learn more about ____, but does not have the resources to do so, to visit the ____ Program.

Volunteer Week

Whereas, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action, no matter how big or small; and

Whereas, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations; and

Whereas, on a daily basis, volunteers work in their communities, utilizing their time, and talent to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults, and the elderly; and

Whereas, volunteers have the power to fight the pervasive feeling of social disconnection experienced by so many Americans – especially young people; and

Whereas, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize those who serve and reconnect with neighbors and strangers by replacing disconnection and isolation with understanding and compassion.

Whereas, volunteering one's time and resources has traditionally been, and continues to be, an elemental part of the essence and tradition of our country and is essential to its spirit and vitality; and

Whereas, we are a nation of people who thrive on helping others as well as ourselves to a better life; and

Whereas, volunteerism is increasingly recognized as an important partner in government and industry in doing the work of the nation; and

Whereas, volunteerism is vital, fulfilling, and enriching to the participants as well as to the recipients of the service and should be encouraged for the benefits to all and the community at large;

Now, therefore ... urge our residents to recognize the valuable work done by these volunteers.

Whereas, citizen volunteer action is a core, shared tradition of our nation; and

Whereas, volunteers fight the pervasive issues that exist in all communities; and

Whereas, volunteers are vital to the future of a caring and productive world; and

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to celebrate by recognizing our tradition of volunteering as a unifying force for building stronger communities.

Whereas, volunteering of one's time and resources is an undisputed part of our heritage and is essential to our nation's well-being; and

Whereas, we are a nation of people who thrive on helping others as well as ourselves to a better life;

Whereas, to achieve the kind of society we hope to build for ourselves and for our children, we must work together in a spirit of brotherhood and cooperation for the betterment of all our citizens; and

Whereas, government alone cannot solve all our society's problems because of their magnitude and nature; and

Whereas, thousands of our citizens work each day, not for profit or recognition, but to build stronger communities and to serve human needs; and

Whereas, volunteers transform limited resources into unlimited possibilities as well as offering love and compassion, providing leadership and hope, bringing families and communities together, and turning dreams into realities; and

Whereas, it is important for all of us to recognize our responsibilities and to follow the example of these volunteers by giving of ourselves for the betterment of all;

Now, therefore ... urge our residents to recognize the valuable work done by volunteers.

Whereas, the willingness of our citizens to give of their time and talents in assisting charitable, social services, and religious organizations on behalf of our community is a significant factor in uplifting the quality of life in our community; and

Whereas, the ability of these organizations to make their services available to our citizens is dependent in large measure upon a sense of caring, desire to share, and the willingness of our citizens to participate voluntarily in these programs;

Now, therefore ... honor and thank the dedicated citizens of our community who give so freely of their valuable time, energy and abilities.

YOUTH

- **Caring for Children Day**
- **Child Support Awareness Month**
- **Foster Care Awareness Week**
- **Junior Achievement Week**
- **Kids Leadership Month**
- **Kids Voting USA Week**
- **Lunch Money Day**
- **Missing Children Day**
- **Save Our Kids Month**
- **Take Our Kids to Work Day**
- **Toys for Tots Day**
- **Up With People Week**
- **Week of the Child**
- **Youth Appreciation Week**
- **Youth Art Month**
- **Youth Day of Peace**
- **Youth in Government Day**
- **Youth Readers Day**
- **Youth Unity Day**

Caring for Children Day

Whereas, Caring for Children is an organization that provides a safe haven for abused, abandoned and neglected children; and

Whereas, thousands of children in crisis have been served; and

Whereas, Caring for Children is often the only option available for a child who has been subjected to abuse or has been abandoned; and

Whereas, Caring for Children provides emergency shelter to children 18 years of age and younger who have been removed from their own homes due to abuse or neglect; and

Whereas, a Caring home is a place where children receive 24-hour care from professionals that deal with children who are suffering;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to observe this day with appropriate activities.

Child Support Awareness Month

Whereas, the welfare of our children is the most important responsibility we have as parents; and

Whereas, a child should be able to depend on support from both parents; and

Whereas, children who do not receive adequate financial and emotional support from both parents may experience greater difficulty in becoming healthy, happy, and productive citizens; and

Whereas, in such cases, the taxpayers of this state support the children whose parents fail to meet that responsibility; and

Whereas, many concerned and dedicated judges, district attorneys, clerks of court, sheriffs' personnel, and child support enforcement professionals work to establish and enforce child support for our children – our future;

Now, therefore ... commend this observance to our citizens.

Foster Care Awareness Week

Whereas, there is a need to provide healthy and durable family placements for youngsters whose problems require active and sustained treatment outside of their natural homes; and

Whereas, the citizens of our community are proud of the vital work that the foster care agencies in our area are providing the youth in our community;

Now, therefore ... encourage the citizens to support these agencies with their recruitment efforts and to increase awareness of our citizens as to the needs of homeless children.

Whereas, foster families play a central role in the absence of a child's parent(s) through understanding patient care and the provision of a stable and loving environment; and

Whereas, foster parents try to nurture children in an effort to give them an opportunity at success in life; and

Whereas, young people are resilient and able to overcome tremendous obstacles because of the nurturing, acceptance, and support provided by foster parents;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to recognize the essential and irreplaceable care provided by foster parents.

Junior Achievement Week

Whereas, Junior Achievement supports and helps to sustain the free enterprise system by encouraging and directing high school students in a practical program of business economics; and

Whereas, Junior Achievement helps development of tomorrow's leaders by creating incentives, providing challenges, and instilling pride in good citizenship and responsibility;

Now, therefore ... urge all our citizens to encourage and support our ambitious young people and their dedicated advisors.

Kids Leadership Month

Whereas, kids are capable of changing the world; and

Whereas, success doesn't happen to you, it happens because of you; and

Whereas, kids and grown-ups don't need violence to solve their problems; and

Whereas, when kids work together, there are no problems they can't solve; and

Whereas, drugs are bad for us all – they hurt adults, kids, and families, too; and

Whereas, it is cool to follow the rules, and it is cool to be in school; and

Whereas, kids can speak up and speak out to make their world a better place;

Now, therefore ... urge our community to reward kids who believe in themselves, each other and the future.

Kids Voting USA Week

Whereas, Kids Voting is a program to better educate our young people about the responsibilities of citizenship; and

Whereas, Kids Voting is a national non-profit, non-partisan organization that has grown since its start in 1988, to now serve communities in 38 states, serving kindergarteners through twelfth graders, by sparking their imaginations, and pointing out the responsibilities of citizenship; and

Whereas, research indicates that the habits learned as children remain through adulthood, and children going to the polls on election days will vote as adults; and

Whereas, Kids Voting is embracing Abraham Lincoln's words that "true democracy is our last, best hope on earth;"

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to secure the future of democracy by educating and involving youth in the election process.

Lunch Money Day

Whereas, organizations donate surplus food which would otherwise have gone to the landfill; and

Whereas, thousands of people depend on these organizations for nutritious food donations; and

Whereas, among the recipients are women in shelters, children in breakfast programs, seniors on fixed incomes, and many others who have fallen on hard times;

Now, therefore ... urge that people brown bag and donate their lunch money to the organizations that can help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Missing Children Day

Whereas, children and families in our community are victims of the tragedy of missing children, and increased awareness of the problem is needed to help reduce the incidence of missing children and teenagers; and

Whereas, this month is set aside to rekindle new hope in the search for all missing children and their safe return;

Now, therefore ... urge all residents to remain vigilant in the pursuit of our common cause - the protection and nurturing of youth in our community.

Save Our Kids Month

Whereas, our governments, both locally and nationally, must commit themselves to protect the quality of life of our citizens; and

Whereas, it is essential that the community itself rise up and positively address the causes of gang and drug crisis; and

Whereas, the young people in our community stand at a crossroad in their lives, confronted by critical decisions that will affect their future and ours; and

Whereas, our youth are continually faced with complicated challenges that will likely affect the rest of their lives; and

Whereas, drug abuse, crime, and violence is at an all time high; and

Whereas, our community requires a long-lasting commitment and the full-time effort of various religious and community organizations and businesses that will give consistent long-term assistance to bring about a positive change in America;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to support organizations that support our youth.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Whereas, preparing young people for the future is a community responsibility, and "Take Our Kids to Work Day" provides them with an opportunity to experience education beyond the classroom; and

Whereas, "Take Our Kids to Work Day" allows students to experience the world of work for the first time and discover the variety of career options that awaits them;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to welcome these young people into workplaces across our city.

Toys for Tots Day

Whereas, our community has banded with area motorcyclists to actively promote a positive image of motorcyclists through community support; and

Whereas, the motorcyclists recognize that many families need assistance in order to insure a happy holiday season for their children; and

Whereas, toys from this event have helped insure a happy holiday season for hundreds of children throughout our community;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to participate and support those who participate in this charitable event.

Up With People Week

Whereas, Up With People began in 1965 inspired by a spontaneous musical performance at an international summer youth conference; and

Whereas, the conference founder, J. Blanton Belk, envisioned an ongoing program which would generate the same level of enthusiasm and energy and thus lead to a building of world understanding; and

Whereas, Up With People consists of five groups of young international performers who travel around the world promoting goodwill and brotherhood; and

Whereas, Up With People is a non-profit, educational organization created with the belief that one of the world's greatest resources is her young people with talent, enthusiasm, and commitment to challenge in the future; and

Whereas, the experience of being in Up With People offers real life experiences to supplement formal education in six areas: intercultural living, performing arts, international travel, homestays, community service, business management, and leadership;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to extend our hospitality to these young men and women who perform to enrich the cultural heritage with music and choreography.

Week of the Child

Whereas, children are our most precious resource, and their health and well-being is our responsibility; and

Whereas, we must never ignore, forget or overlook our obligation to provide them with the basic necessities of life; and

Whereas, children are the future, and we must encourage them to become strong, productive, and caring people; and

Whereas, this week will focus on the needs, rights, and interests of children, as well as increase awareness of the value of quality early childhood education;

Now, therefore ... encourage everyone to renew our commitment to improving the prospects for all children and their families, and to care for and educate our future adults, parents, and leaders.

Whereas, by calling attention to the need for quality early childhood services for all children and families within our community, organizations hope to improve the equality and availability of such services; and

Whereas, the future of our community depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences; and

Whereas, high quality early childhood services represents a worthy commitment to our children's future;

Now, therefore ... urge citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our community.

Youth Appreciation Week

Whereas, the vast majority of youth are concerned, knowledgeable and responsible citizens; and

Whereas, the accomplishments and achievements of these young citizens deserve recognition and praise by their elders;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to recognize the contributions of our youth.

Youth Art Month

Whereas, Youth Art Month has been observed nationally since 1961 and has gained wide acceptance; and

Whereas, children are our most priceless assets; and

Whereas, childhood is the time to develop interests, skills and aptitudes that will last a lifetime; and

Whereas, the importance of art in education is recognized as being necessary for the full development of all children;

Now, therefore ... urge all citizens to become interested in and give full support to quality school art programs for our youth.

Youth Day of Peace

Whereas, Save the Children, a private 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is working to make a lasting, positive change in the lives of children; and

Whereas, Save the Children will join forces with selected youth-service agencies to bring a community of people together to highlight both the need for peace among youth and to emphasize the intergenerational possibility for peace; and

Whereas, the purpose of this joint venture is to engage seniors and children, across racial and socio-economic boundaries, in presenting a positive message of living and playing in harmony; and

Whereas, the day itself will involve several activities, ranging from expressing views on peace to enjoying good, old-fashioned, child-appropriate games;

Now, therefore ... urge our citizens to remember, "if we can play together, we can live together!"

Youth in Government Day

Whereas, the youth in our city are the city's most valuable resource; and

Whereas, it is important for the youth of our city to learn about and understand the role of our local government;

Now, therefore ... recognize that our community has faith in the ability of today's youth as they assume roles in the future of our community.

Youth Readers Day

Whereas, developing children into readers today is the best way to insure a literate and informed nation of readers tomorrow; and

Whereas, schools and libraries across America celebrate reading to encourage the enhancement of a child's learning process and development of an inquisitive mind;

Now, therefore ... call upon all residents of our community to encourage children to experience the joy of reading.

Youth Unity Day

Whereas, the future of our community depends upon the type of young people we raise to handle the affairs of tomorrow; and

Whereas, it is the duty of all citizens, parents and youth organizations to develop a proper attitude among the young people in our community and to provide them with the right examples, environments and opportunities; and

Whereas, the purposes of this day is to instill in our young people the importance of being productive, to create a public awareness of the positive contributions that young people make in the community's progress, and to link their talents and resources to address some of the major issues facing our city – drugs and alcohol abuse, health, job security, education, hunger and homelessness;

Now, therefore ... urge the citizens to join in the observance of this day with appropriate activities.