

Proclamation in Honor of Parents Day 2011

TO ALL UNTO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS

WHEREAS: Parents play a unique and irreplaceable part in the lives of their children, passing along values that help them grow into responsible adults, providing their sons and daughters with positive examples, giving them the necessary foundations needed to make wise decisions throughout their lives, and enhancing their development, strengthening their children's education, and impacting their children's choices;

WHEREAS: Each year there are more than 2.4 million divorcing North Americans, including the parents of more than 1 million children under the age of eighteen, and with also nearly as many again involving unmarried couples with children separating;

WHEREAS: Each year there are more than 2 million children traumatized by removals from their own homes by social services, and when only one-third are substantiated;

WHEREAS: America has a duty to provide its children with the support and skills they need to become the next generation of responsible leaders, underscoring the importance of fostering the unique quality of parental love, encouragement, and protection that confidently empowers their children to become happy and successful adults.

WHEREAS: America was founded on the belief that all persons are created equal, and have an inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; Whereas our country remains committed to upholding that founding principle, including the natural and time-honored rights of parents to direct, provide for, and safeguard their children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, _____ of the _____ of _____, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the _____ of _____, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 24th, 2011, as

PARENTS DAY

across the _____ of _____, and urge all fellow citizens to celebrate the enduring importance of strengthening parent-child relationships.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of the _____ of _____, to be affixed this _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord the two thousand and eleventh.

ORIGINAL SIGNED
[FULL NAME], [OFFICIAL TITLE]