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Illinois House Passes Resolution Promoting June 11 as *Children's Day*

- A spark for a national movement

Springfield, Ill., May 4, 2006 (*The Religion Wire™*) — On Wednesday, May 3, 2006,

the Illinois House passed a resolution declaring **June 11, 2006 (the second Sunday in**

June) as Children's Day. The chief legislative sponsor of HR1158 was State Rep.

Linda Chapa LaVia, D-Aurora.

"I am real happy that Representative LaVia and her staff took the time and effort to see a resolution on **Children's Day** pass the Illinois House. This may be the spark that helps spread the need for a special day for our children to the nation. Children are a precious gift from God and they need our affirmation, protection, prayers, and love," notes John Ross, founder of www.nationchildrensday.us and an advocate for a national **Children's Day.**

What's **Children's Day**? A forgotten holiday. Today, only a few churches, denominations, and individuals celebrate the day. But still, **Children's Day** observations in the United States predate both Mother's and Father's Day. This day dates from the 1880s and earlier. Massachusetts has legislation mandating a proclamation.

Ross feels "that now more than ever, children need a special day. I'm hopeful that individuals, churches, denominations, media, businesses, government, and organizations can help spread the support for a national **Children's Day on the second Sunday in June.**"

For the last 14 years he has been involved with a June children's festival, *Celebrate Our Children*, in Aurora, Ill. (see www.celebrateourchildren.us).

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