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 The Second Sunday in June

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Open Letter: The Need for Children's Day

What's **Children's Day**? A forgotten holiday. Today, only a few churches, denominations, and individuals celebrate the day. But still, in the United States, observations of **Children's Day**, *the second Sunday in June*, predate both Mother's and Father's Day. This day dates from the 1880s and earlier. By law, Massachusetts has a statute mandating a proclamation. Recently, the Illinois House passed a resolution proclaiming the day.

Yes, America needs **Children's Day**. Just plain... **Children's Day** with no additional adjectives. It's simple, but needed! There are many needs for today's children... foster care, adoption, health care, protection from crime, education, spiritual/moral guidance, and most of all love by family and community. Children are a gift from God and they are our future.

I feel 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**. Visit www.nationalchildrensday.us and learn more.

With hope, *John Ross*

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