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## Website Continues to Press to Revive “Children’s Day”

- Historic day in June focuses on commitment to children

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An advocacy website, [www.nationalchildrensday.us](http://www.nationalchildrensday.us), and its mirror [www.childrensday.us](http://www.childrensday.us), is continuing to press for support of a national “Children’s Day” on the *second Sunday in June* (this year June 8, 2008).

## Children’s Day



Second Sunday in June

A very important aspect of the site is the promotion by individuals or groups for the adoption of a proclamation/resolution in their home state or municipality in support of **Children’s Day**. Sample proclamations and a listing of contacts for state governors are tools available. The site has updated contacts for the governors of all 50 states plus Puerto Rico.

Past and current history and other information are also presented at the website. A *Children Count* blog is planned for the future.

The site also challenges parents, individuals, churches/houses of worship, schools/ places of education, government/community and businesses to sign commitment cards directed at affirming America’s children. They pledge to “commit myself(ourself), in the coming year, to love, cherish, nurture(physical, mental, emotional, & spiritual needs), and affirm...” They can also make a commitment beyond America to the world’s children.

## Add one — **Website Continues to Press to Revive “Children’s Day”**

John Ross, founder of the website and an advocate for a national **Children’s Day**, feels “that now more than ever, children need a special day of affirmation and commitment. I’m hopeful that individuals, churches, schools, businesses, government and community leaders, and of course the media can help spread the support for a national **Children’s Day on the second Sunday in June.**”

**Children’s Day** observations in the United States predate both Mother’s and Father’s Day. This day dates from the 1860s and earlier. The Methodist Episcopal Church at the Methodist Conference of 1868 recommended that second Sunday in June be annually observed as **Children’s Day**. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1883 designated the “the second Sabbath in June as *Children’s Day.*”

In 2007, Illinois Governor Rod R. Blagojevich issued a proclamation proclaiming the second Sunday in June as **Children’s Day**. The mayors of Aurora and Batavia, Illinois, also issued proclamations.

*Chase’s Calendar of Events* cites Children’s Sunday and notes that The Commonwealth of Massachusetts issues an annual proclamation for the second Sunday in June.

Numerous churches and denominations currently observe the second Sunday in June including the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Church of the Nazarene.