

PROCLAMATIONS

The following proclamations are examples which can be signed by the governor, mayor or other local officials. These can be used to generate new ideas for your own use.

Proclamation 1 (General Volunteer Recognition)

- * WHEREAS, volunteering of one's time and resources is an essential part of our country's tradition and is essential to its spirit.
- * WHEREAS, it is ever more in evidence that our nation's greatest resource is its people, and;
- * WHEREAS, volunteers have shown that they truly care and share generosity of themselves, and;
- * WHEREAS, volunteerism is increasingly recognized as a central partner with government, education and industry in doing the work of our nation, and;
- * WHEREAS, volunteerism directly reflects the democratic principles upon which this nation was founded in that everyone, regardless of circumstance or station or factors of race, age, sex, or creed can volunteer, and;
- * WHEREAS, we are seeking even more contributions of human resources in volunteerism and better application of these valuable contributions:
- * THEREFORE, I wish to honor and to thank the dedicated citizens of this (State, County, City) who give so freely of their valuable time, energy and abilities by proclaiming this week of April 18-24, 2004, to be officially designated as National Volunteer Week in _____.
- * And in doing so, I call all citizens to help to renew and sustain the spirit and vitality of this great nation by committing a portion of their time in addressing the needs of their communities through voluntary action.

Proclamation 2 (Recognition Ceremony)

- * WHEREAS, volunteering is a powerful force for the solution of human problems, and the creative use of human resources is essential to a healthy, productive and humane society; and
- * WHEREAS, our nation's heritage is based on citizen involvement and citizen participation. Volunteerism, is of enormous benefit in building a better community, a better sense of one's own well being, and;
- * WHEREAS, many (State, County, City) agencies that benefit from volunteers will be participating in _____ to show appreciation and recognition to the many volunteers among our citizenry who possess many skills and talents which they generously and enthusiastically apply to a variety of community tasks; and to encourage others to participate in programs as volunteers; and
- * NOW WHEREAS, I, (Name and Title, of the State, County, City of) do hereby proclaim the period of April 18-24, 2004, as National Volunteer Recognition Week in (State, County, City) and do urge all citizens of the (State, County, City) to attend the (Recognition Ceremony). I charge those interested citizens to observe this week by seeking some area in the community in which they can devote a few hours each week and give aid to people or programs in need.

Proclamation 3

* WHEREAS, a sense of caring and desire to share have motivated hundreds of youth and adults to volunteer their time and services to the needs of others in the community; and

* WHEREAS, our state's volunteers possess many skills and talents which they generously and enthusiastically apply to a variety of community tasks; and

* WHEREAS, the people of our state benefit from the deeds of these selfless and dedicated individuals;

* NOW WHEREAS, I, (Name and Title, of the State, County, City of) do hereby proclaim the period of April 18-24, 2004, as National Volunteer Week in (State, County, City).