

sample child health day proclamation

Below is a sample Child Health Day proclamation based on the original one issued by President Calvin Coolidge in 1928. Use it as a guide in developing a Child Health Day proclamation that can be issued by your State or local government and addresses the needs of children with special health care needs and their families.

WHEREAS the protection and development of the health of children today are fundamental necessities to the future progress and welfare of **[your community or State]**;

WHEREAS the conservation and promotion of child health places upon us a grave responsibility;

WHEREAS it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts towards the health and well-being of our children;

WHEREAS **[name of your organization]**, through its unique community-driven approach to emergency medical services for children and meeting the needs of children who suffer an acute illness or injury has made it considerably easier for parents to get their children the care they need today to ensure their children have a better tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **[name of mayor, governor or other issuer]**, do hereby proclaim the first Monday in October to be **[your community or State]** Child Health Day and urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting the emergency health care needs of children to unite upon that day in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of **[your community or State]** with the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for the protection and development of the health of **[your community or State]**'s children.