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Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of [www.nationalchildrensday.us](http://www.nationalchildrensday.us)  
([www.childrensday.us](http://www.childrensday.us)) and all those who advocate for children in  
the state of Illinois, I would like to thank Governor Rod  
Blagojevich for issuing a proclamation recognizing June 10, 2007  
as ***Children's Day*** in the state of Illinois. Also deep gratitude is  
extended to Mayor Tom Weisner of Aurora and Mayor Jeffery  
Schielke of Batavia for issuing mayoral proclamations. But more  
to the point, a special thank you to the parents, individuals,  
churches, and organizations that took the challenge of the day to  
heart!

***Children's Day*** is a local, state, and national, celebration to pay tribute to America's children and to revive this  
historic day as a catalyst of hope. It should be noted, in the United States, observations of ***Children's Day, the  
second Sunday in June***, predate both *Mother's* and *Father's Day*.

It is the belief of [www.nationalchildrensday.us](http://www.nationalchildrensday.us) that these proclamation for ***Children's Day*** will bring more  
attention to this great day and help to promote further participation and the signing of commitment cards. By  
making ***Children's Day*** an official celebration in Illinois, Illinois is leading other states who are working  
towards the same effort. It is the goal of the [www.nationalchildrensday.us](http://www.nationalchildrensday.us) and children advocates throughout  
the United States to have ***Children's Day*** officially declared in all fifty states and Puerto Rico and in numerous  
cities for the ***Children's Day*** 2008 celebration.

Again a big thank you to the Governor and the Mayors of Aurora and Batavia, and to all those involved, for  
putting Illinois in the forefront for a special day for children, "***Children's Day.***"

With appreciation,

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