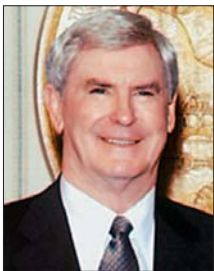


Governors and Mayors Issue Proclamations for National USA Week

The American Association for Single People has succeeded in obtaining proclamations and greetings from Governors and Mayors in more than 25 states. The proclamations declare September 15 - 21 as Unmarried and Single Americans Week in their jurisdictions. The greetings extend best wishes to everyone who commemorates this week.



In his greeting, California Governor Gray Davis had this to say about AASP. "I applaud the supporters of this unique event for their efforts to protect the rights of unmarried and single people. Their dedication has made a lasting impact".



A greeting from Nevada Governor Kenny C. Guinn recognized "the contributions of our single citizens to our great state and commend them for their dedication to their families and communities". He added: "We would like to thank the American Association for Single People for their support of singles throughout the nation and the State of Nevada".



A proclamation issued by Portland, Oregon Mayor Vera Katz recognizes AASP as "a leading provider of information and resources for and about unmarried Americans".



A proclamation signed by Dayton, Ohio Mayor Rhine McLin acknowledges that through our educational programs, "AASP seeks to improve the quality of life and secure a better future for this large constituency".

STATE of MINNESOTA
Proclamation

WHEREAS: The 2000 U.S. Census has documented that 82 million adults in the United States are not married, that nearly half of the nation's households are headed by unmarried adults, and that the U.S. Department of Labor reports that 40 percent of the workforce is unmarried; and

WHEREAS: The living arrangements of unmarried Americans are diverse, with 27 million adults living alone, nearly 10 million single parents raising their children, and 45 million adults living with unmarried adult family members or in other types of unmarried households; and

WHEREAS: Many people are single by choice while other people are unmarried due to circumstances beyond their control. Events such as September 11, 2001 demonstrate a person's marital status may change abruptly due to a tragedy; and

WHEREAS: Unmarried men and women make significant contributions to society in a wide variety of ways - as productive employees, as dutiful taxpayers, as loving family members, as good neighbors, and as dedicated volunteers in civic and charitable causes; and

WHEREAS: The 2000 Census reports that 46 percent of households in Minnesota are headed by unmarried or single adults; and

WHEREAS: Through its website (www.unmarriedamerica.org), the American Association for Single People (AASP) is a leading provider of information and resources for and about unmarried Americans, and through its educational programs AASP works to improve the quality of life and secure a better future for this large constituency; and

WHEREAS: AASP is commemorating the third week of September as Unmarried and Single Americans Week (USA Week);

NOW THEREFORE, I, JESSE VENTURA, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 16-21, 2002 shall be observed as:

Unmarried and Single Americans Week
In the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24th day of June in the year two thousand and two and of the State the one hundred forty-fourth.

Jesse Ventura
GOVERNOR

Mary Kildreave
SECRETARY OF STATE

Proclamation

CITY OF ATLANTA
Office of the Mayor

Unmarried and Single Americans Week

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Whereas, Unmarried men and women make significant contributions to society in a wide variety of ways - as productive employees, as dutiful taxpayers, as loving family members, as good neighbors, and as dedicated volunteers in civic and charitable causes; and

Whereas, Through its website, the American Association for Single People is a leading provider of information and resources for and about unmarried Americans, and through its educational programs, American Association of Single People works to improve the quality of life and secure a better future for this large constituency;

Now, Therefore, I, Shirley Franklin, 38th Mayor of Atlanta, and on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, hereby proclaim September 16-21, 2002 as "Unmarried and Single Americans Week" in our City.

Shirley Franklin
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Mayor

The following proclamations and greetings have been received as of the time the newsletter went to print. We expect to receive others. To view copies of these proclamations, visit our special website at: www.nationalUSAweek.org.

Governors:

- Alaska - Tony Knowles
- California - Gray Davis
- Hawaii - Ben Cayetano
- Kansas - Bill Graves
- Maine - Angus S. King Jr.
- Minnesota - Jesse Ventura
- Nevada - Kenny C. Guinn
- New Jersey - James McGreevey

Mayors:

- Tempe, AZ - Neil Giuliano
- Costa Mesa, CA - Linda Dixon
- San Mateo, CA - Sue Lempert
- Lakewood, CO - Stephen A. Burkholder
- Hollywood, FL - Mara Guilianti
- Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Jim Naugle
- Jacksonville, FL - John A. Delaney
- Miami, FL - Manuel A. Diaz
- Atlanta, GA - Shirley Franklin
- Marietta, GA - William Dunaway
- Hawaii County, HI - Harry Kim
- Honolulu, HI - Jeremy Harris
- Topeka, KS - Butch Felker
- Lafayette, LA - Walter Comeaux
- New Iberia, LA - Ruth Fontenot
- Minneapolis, MN - R. T. Rybak
- Biloxi, MS - A. J. Holloway
- Independence, MO - Rondell Stewart
- Las Cruces, NM - Ruben A. Smith
- Wilmington, NC - Harper Peterson
- Cincinnati, OH - Charlie Luken
- Dayton, OH - Rhine McLin
- Portland, OR - Vera Katz
- Salt Lake, UT - Ross C. Anderson
- Portsmouth, VA - James W. Holley III
- Madison, WI - Susan J. M. Bauman

City Councils:

- Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Hollywood, FL
- Miami, FL
- New Orleans, LA