

Sample Proclamation by a Governor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, the week of September 21 - September 27, 2003, is hereby officially recognized as:

Unmarried and Single Americans Week

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau now estimates that 86 million adults in the United States are unmarried and that nearly half (49.4%) of the nation's households are headed by unmarried adults, as are a majority of households in 13 states and 300 cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the living arrangements of unmarried Americans are diverse, with 27 million adults living alone, 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, unmarried men and women make significant contributions to the well being and prosperity of (insert name of state), as employees, taxpayers, family members, neighbors, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Census reports that ___ percent of households in (name of state) are headed by unmarried adults; and (*Note: The most recent Census date (2001) for all 50 states can be found at: www.unmarriedamerica.org/statestats*)

WHEREAS, The American Association for Single People (AASP) is a leading provider of information and resources for 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 and has a website (www.nationalUSAweek.org) for this occasion; and

WHEREAS, the State of _____ is pleased to recognize and honor its unmarried residents and commends the American Association for Single People for its ongoing efforts to educate elected officials, corporate executives, and the general public about the needs and concerns of unmarried and single Americans as workers, consumers, and taxpayers and voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (name of Governor), do hereby recognize September 21 - 27, 2003, as Unmarried and Single Americans Week in (name of state) and I call this observance to the attention of all our population.

Dated: _____

Signature

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Note: language from this sample proclamation can be copied and pasted from our website page at: www.unmarriedamerica.org/sample-proc