



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Día de los Niños

Report in Brief

Children's Day (El Día de los Niños) was founded in 1925 as a means of bring attention to the well-being and importance of children. In 1996, children's book author Pat Mora encouraged the linking of El Día de los Niños to a program supporting literacy for children, El Día de los Libros, (Book Day).

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim the annual recognition of the Día de los Niños as April 30, 2009.

Background

This program is nationally recognized and came about through grants from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the Association for Library Service for Children. Support continues to grow with additional sponsor to recognize our children and the continuing need for literacy for all young people.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim April 30, 2009 as the Día de los Niños and encourage citizens to participate in activities to support this day.

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Attachment: Proclamation

City of Woodland

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING APRIL 30, 2009 AS DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS

WHEREAS, many nations throughout the world, and especially within the Western hemisphere, celebrate Día de los Niños on the 30th of April, in recognition and celebration of their country's future--their children; and

WHEREAS, this celebration exists in Woodland because of the partnership between government agencies, non-profits and community members; and children are the center of families and represent the hopes and dreams of the people of Yolo County and children should be nurtured and invested in, to preserve and enhance economic prosperity, democracy, and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Latinos in the State of California, the youngest and fastest growing ethnic community in the State, continue the tradition of honoring their children on this day, and wish to share this custom with the rest of the State; and

WHEREAS, the primary teachers of family values, morality, and culture are parents and family members, and we rely on children to pass on these family values, morals, and culture to future generations; and the importance of literacy and education are most often communicated to children through family members; and families should be encouraged to engage in family and community activities that include extended and elderly family members and encourage children to explore, develop confidence, and pursue their dreams; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a day to honor the children of the County of Yolo will help affirm for the people the significance of family, education, and community; and will provide an opportunity for children to reflect on their future, to articulate their dreams and aspirations, and to find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Latino Children's Institute, serving as a voice for children, has worked with cities throughout the Country to declare April 30th as `Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans'--a day to bring together Latinos and other communities nationwide to celebrate and uplift children; and

WHEREAS, the children of a nation are the responsibility of all its people, and people should be encouraged to celebrate the gifts of children to society--their curiosity, laughter, faith, energy, spirit, hopes, and dreams.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Woodland proclaims April 30, 2009, as Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans; and

FURTHER, the Woodland City Council requests that the residents of Woodland join with all children, families, organizations, communities, churches, cities, and towns across the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, including—Activities that center around children's interests; Develop skills; Instill confidence; Capture children's dreams and hopes; Involve families and community; Reflect cultural diversity; Inspire and empower new generations of achievers; Create advocacy for children's issues and Engage civic leaders, media, sponsors and volunteers.

Dated this 21st Day of April, 2009

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member