

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY® PROCLAMATIONS

Sample Proclamation Language

Some officials may ask for sample language for a proclamation. Below are two examples. U.S. information is used, but Canadian chapters can use statistics such as 162,000 incorporated nonprofit organizations, including more than 82,000 registered charities, \$8.6 billion in charitable giving by individuals and more than two billion volunteer hours.

SAMPLE NPD PROCLAMATION #1

Greetings:

It gives me great pleasure to extend warmest regards to the members of the [CHAPTER NAME] of the Association of Fundraising Professionals as you gather in [NAME OF CITY] for your annual National Philanthropy Day® celebration on November 15.

In the United States, there are more than one million charities. More than 100 million people provide billions of volunteer hours to countless causes across the country. Americans annually give more than \$306 billion to charities and nonprofit organizations that improve communities everywhere. As you celebrate National Philanthropy Day®, you will recognize those whose dedication and generosity have advanced these efforts.

I am particular delighted to join with you in congratulating the individuals and organizations being honored today:

[LIST OF HONOREES }

Service to the community is indeed the foundation of our [CITY/STATE/PROVINCE] and nation, and your endeavors demonstrate your commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of [NAME OF STATE/PROVINCE].

Best wishes for an enjoyable luncheon and for continued accomplishment in the years ahead.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL

SAMPLE NPD PROCLAMATION # 2

Whereas, philanthropic organizations are responsible for enhancing the quality of life of people;
and

Whereas, philanthropy is a uniquely American tradition and our American nonprofit sector is the
model for countries around the world; and

Whereas, voluntary associations formed to address societal needs are an integral part of
American society; and

Whereas, the history of American philanthropy is filled with the names of the earliest Americans,
and their efforts spawned universities, free public libraries, home for widows and orphans, and
volunteer fire departments, to name a few; and

Whereas, in 2008, Americans contributed more than \$306 billion to one million charities
registered with the Internal Revenue Service; and

Whereas, in 2008, Americans contributed more than 16 billion volunteer hours to nonprofit
organizations; and

Whereas, America's nonprofit sector now accounts for nearly 10 percent of the American
workforce; and

Whereas, today the nonprofit sector affects nearly every citizen in one way or another, from
museums and concerts, school-sponsored day trips, the little leagues and other groups that enrich
our youth, to social services agencies that provide food, clothing, housing and training for those
less fortunate:

Now, therefore, I, [MAYOR'S NAME], Mayor of the City of [NAME OF CITY], do hereby
proclaim November 15, 2009, to be National Philanthropy Day® in [NAME OF CITY], and
urge all citizens of [NAME OF CITY] to recognize the tradition of philanthropy as it continues
to improve and enhance the lives of all by promoting the common good.

Dated this ____ day of November, 2009.

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR