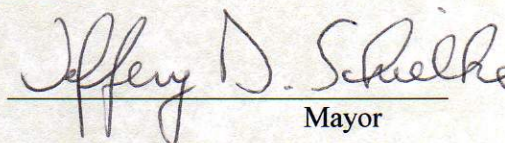




Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** children hold a special place in our lives. Raising happy, healthy children is the greatest success any parent can hope to achieve and should be an important goal of every member of society because children are profoundly influenced by the people and the environment around them; and
- WHEREAS,** the strongest influence is often a child's family, but good schools and nurturing communities also play a vital role in helping children reach their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** children are the future of Illinois and it is important that we take action to ensure that they are provided a positive start to life; and
- WHEREAS,** in Illinois, we place the utmost value on the safety and welfare of our children and we strongly support programs designed to advocate for their best interests; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that all citizens work to promote an environment of hope and love for children; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Illinois is dedicated to ensuring the health, education and well-being of our children, and we pledge to continue our commitment to ensuring a bright future for all of our young people; and
- WHEREAS,** Children's Day focuses on inspiring parents to take positive action and serve as role models for society, and encourages individuals to consider how their actions affect future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Batavia is proud to join with other communities throughout Illinois in expressing our support for the theme and concepts of Children's Day and is especially honored to be the hometown of John Ross, who has become a recognized champion throughout the State of Illinois in promoting the virtues and importance of Children's Day; and
- WHEREAS,** the second Sunday in June has been set aside as a day to celebrate children and reaffirm our commitment to their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor of the City of Batavia, Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2014, as **CHILDREN'S DAY** in Illinois, and urge all members of the community to unite in participating in the education, recognition, and inspiration of our state's children.



Mayor