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## **Nation Prepares for “Children’s Day” on Sunday** • A time for commitment & celebration

**Batavia, Ill., June 2, 2014** (*The Religion Wire™*) —

Communities, individuals, and churches are preparing for the coming this Sunday, June 8, of “**Children’s Day.**”

Since 2007 and again this year, the governor of **Illinois** has proclaimed “**Children’s Day**” on *the second Sunday in June*. Also such cities as Aurora, Ill.; Batavia, Ill.; Fort Collins, Colo.; and Vancouver, Wash.; have issued past proclamations. The 2014 proclamations by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and others are viewable at [www.nationalchildrensday.us](http://www.nationalchildrensday.us).

**Children’s Day** observations in the United States predate both Mother’s and Father’s Day. The day to celebrate children dates from the 1860s and earlier. The Methodist Episcopal Church at the Methodist Conference of 1868 recommended that *the second Sunday in June* be observed annually as **Children’s Day**. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1883 designated the “the second Sabbath in June as *Children’s Day.*”

Numerous churches and denominations currently observe *the second Sunday in June* including the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Church of the Nazarene.

The **Children’s Day** website, [www.nationalchildrensday.us](http://www.nationalchildrensday.us), offers helps and also challenges parents, individuals, churches/houses of worship, schools/places of education, government/community and businesses to sign commitment cards directed at affirming America’s children.

## Children’s Day



Second Sunday in June