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Nation Prepares for “Children’s Day” on Sunday

- A time for commitment and celebration

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Communities, individuals, and churches are preparing for the coming this Sunday, June 14, of “**Children’s Day.**”

Cities and governments have issued proclamations. Alaska recently legislated the date.

Children’s Day



Second Sunday in June

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, Church of the Nazarene, and Reformed Church in America.

The **Children’s Day** website, 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.