



Proclamations

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is a Proclamation and Why Is It Important?

A proclamation is an official ceremonial and legal document that is an official declaration or recognition that publicly recognizes an initiative or observance to officially highlight or call attention to the importance of a specific cause or to commemorate a specific event or time period (e.g., day, week, or month).

Presidential proclamations are announcements of policy from the President. The word *proclamation* is derived from the Latin word *proclamare*, which means to make public by announcement.

Proclamations are typically signed and issued by local, state, and federal officials, governors, state legislators, mayors, or other government officials at the local level; and they are usually initiated by local or state agencies or organizations. In Ohio, proclamations are issued by the Ohio Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Proclamations do not have the force and effect of law. However, proclamations help to get information out and make people aware of important matters. While the proclamation might look like an award, it is not. In contrast, letters of honor are awards that are ceremonial documents recognizing an individual's service or extraordinary achievement.

How Do You Request a Proclamation?

Proclamation requests take a great deal of advance planning. Issuing a proclamation may take a few months. You should allow at least 30-90 days for your request to be processed; however, be sure to confirm each elected official's processing time before submitting the proclamation request. In Ohio, a governor proclamation request must be received at least **30 days** prior to the event. While the submission procedure varies, typically, requests are made online or via email, fax, or telephone. Contact your elected official's office to determine how proclamations are submitted and issued.



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What to Do Following a Successful Proclamation?

Once you have the signed proclamation, publicize the event via a press release and posting to social media and website. The Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) will be publicizing the Governor's Proclamation highlighting the Chapter's 50th Anniversary along with our annual award winners via various news media outlets throughout Ohio.

Interesting Facts About Proclamations

Has Ohio NAPNAP Ever Received a Proclamation?

Yes! Recently, the Ohio Chapter received a [Governor's Proclamation](#) recognizing its 50th Anniversary as the founding Chapter of NAPNAP. This proclamation was read aloud on August 18, 2023, at the 2023 Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Ohio NAPNAP has three other proclamations in their historical archive. These proclamations have all been issued in collaboration with an Ohio NAPNAP conference. The first proclamation in the Chapter's repository is a [Mayor's Proclamation](#) signed and issued by the Mayor of the City of Strongsville, Ohio to declare Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Day on April 27-28, 2001. The second proclamation is also a [Mayor's Proclamation](#), which was signed and issued from the Mayor of the City of Dayton, Ohio in recognition of the Chapter's 30th Anniversary on April 26-27, 2002. The third proclamation was issued and signed by the Mayor of the City of Moraine, Ohio on October 15, 2005. The [Mayor's Proclamation](#) declared that day as *Child Mental Health Awareness Day*. This proclamation was issued in association the Ohio NAPNAP conference whereby there was a public 5K KySS walk-run event. *Keep Your Children/Yourself Safe and Secure (KySS)* was a NAPNAP national campaign to prevent and decrease psychosocial morbidities in children and adolescents.

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What Was the First Proclamation in the United States?

The National Thanksgiving Proclamation was the first presidential proclamation of Thanksgiving in the United States. President George Washington declared Thursday, November 26, 1789, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer. In his proclamation, President Washington declared that the necessity for such a day sprung from the Almighty's care of Americans prior to the Revolution, assistance to them in achieving independence, and to help establish the constitutional government.

What is the Most Famous Proclamation?

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, announcing, "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious areas "are, and henceforward shall be free." Abraham Lincoln became the United States' 16th President in 1861, issuing the Emancipation Proclamation that declared forever free those slaves within the Confederacy in 1863.

Where Are the U.S. Presidents' Proclamations Published?

The president of the United States communicates information, such on holidays, special observances, and policy through proclamations. After the president signs a proclamation, the White House sends it to the [Office of the Federal Register \(OFR\)](#). The OFR numbers each proclamation consecutively as part of a series and publishes it in the daily *Federal Register*.

What Is the Opposite of Proclamation?

Secret. Concealment. Suppression. Disavowal.

References

None! (Wink-wink). This FAQ is primarily historical and obtained from credible, authoritative sources, such as government and professional organizations' websites. However, the information contained herein was found via a Google search followed by navigating the various webpages discovered in that search, including good 'ol Wikipedia.