

Sample Letter to Public Officials Requesting a Proclamation

Date
Name
Address

RE: National Parent Leadership Month

Dear

We would like to propose a unique opportunity for **Circle of Parents® program of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota**, and the **(State, City, County)** to join together to promote an exciting initiative, **National Parent Leadership Month**. Each year throughout the month of February, National Parent Leadership Month will recognize, honor and celebrate parents for the vital leadership roles they hold in their homes, communities and in local, state, national and international arenas. This annual event will acknowledge the strengths of parents as leaders and generate awareness about the important roles parents play in shaping the lives of their families and communities.

Child abuse and neglect remain a national crisis, taking the lives of four children every day and affecting millions of children and families every year. In 2006, nearly three million reports were made concerning child abuse or neglect.

Strong Parent Leaders are more likely to be effective parents, so promoting Parent Leadership is an essential means of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect. Therefore, Parents Anonymous® Inc. has created National Parent Leadership Month to recognize the extraordinary courage and tenacity of parents who have reached out to make improvements in their families and communities. We join them in this quest!

We believe that preventing child abuse and providing nurturing, safe homes for our children can best be achieved when professionals, policymakers and concerned citizens work in partnership with parents to improve systems, neighborhoods and policies. **(Insert brief sentence here about your organization.)**

We ask that you proclaim February 2008 as National Parent Leadership Month in **(City, County, State)**. We have enclosed proposed text for such a proclamation for your consideration.

I will follow up with your office in the next few days; however, please don't hesitate to contact me at **(Your phone number)** or email me at **(Your email address)** if you have any questions or need further information.

We hope you will join us and others throughout the country in promoting this important initiative to help strengthen families by recognizing the importance of Parent Leadership.

Sincerely,

Name, Title

Enclosure: Suggested Text for Proclamation/Resolution