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To designate the second Sunday in October of 1989 as "National Children's Day".

Whereas the people of the United States should celebrate children as the most valuable asset of the Nation;
Whereas children represent the future, hope, and inspiration of the United States;
Whereas the children of the United States should not be allowed to feel that their ideas and dreams will be stifled because adults in the United States do not take time to listen;
Whereas many children face crises of grave proportions, especially as they enter adolescent years;
Whereas it is important for parents to spend time listening to their children on a daily basis;
Whereas modern societal and economic demands often pull the family apart;
Whereas encouragement should be given to families to set aside a special time for all family members to remain at home;
Whereas adults in the United States should have an opportunity to reminisce on their youth to recapture some of the fresh insight, innocence, and dreams that they may have lost through the years;
Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children of the United States will provide an opportunity to emphasize to children the importance of developing an ability to make the choices necessary to distance themselves from impropriety;
Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children of the Nation will emphasize to the people of the United States the importance of the role of the child within the family;
Whereas the people of the United States should emphasize to children the importance of family life, education, and spiritual qualities; and
Whereas parents, teachers, and community and religious leaders should celebrate the children of the United States, whose questions, laughter, and tears are important to the existence of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second Sunday in October of 1989 is designated as "National Children's Day", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved July 6, 1989.

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