



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow, deserving of strong and healthy relationships that enable them to develop to their full potential; and

Whereas, fathers and father-figures have an important role in nurturing their children, and the absence of a father-figure can affect children, families, and communities – regardless of income or race; and

Whereas, the involvement of both parents helps improve children's academic, behavioral, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being; when fathers and father-figures are actively involved in their children's lives – whether they live in the home or not – children have more positive outcomes; and

Whereas, New York State promotes responsible fatherhood by encouraging fathers and father-figures to be actively involved in their children's lives and to take every possible opportunity to spend quality time with them; as part of this effort, Dads Take Your Child to School Day is set aside for fathers and father-figures to bring their children to school, and encourages them to be involved in their child's education throughout the year; and

Whereas, this annual event highlights the importance of positive relationships between fathers and father-figures and their children, and asks them and other significant male caregivers – including grandfathers, uncles, and mentors – to take the child or children in their lives to school, and make a commitment to participate in their education and academic success; and

Whereas, thanks to the increased involvement of schools and community organizations across New York State, Dads Take Your Child to School Day has grown to include hundreds of participating schools, Head Start programs, and community partners, as well as thousands of fathers, father-figures, and significant male caregivers who actively join in the goals of this worthy initiative that benefits the children of our state;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2014 as

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twelfth day
of September in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor