

HB

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 88

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act establishing May 1 as Family Day. . ."
Sponsor: Representatives Bunde, Toohy, Green, Porter
Requestor: (H) HESS

Department Affected: Administration
BRU: Division of Personnel/OEEO
Component: Division of Personnel/OEEO
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 56

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING:

1002 Federal Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1003 GF Match	0	0	0	0	0	0
1004 GF	0	0	0	0	0	0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FYS3) impact: _____

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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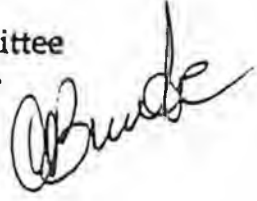
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House of Representatives

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 1993

TO: Representative Cynthia Toohey, Co-Chair HESS Committee
Representative Con Bunde, Co-Chair HESS Committee

FROM: Representative Con Bunde, Co-Chair HESS Committee 

RE: Sponsor statement HB 88 "An Act establishing May 1 as Family Day and the month of May as Preservation of the Family Month."

The purpose of HB 88 is to permanently designate a day and a month that would focus attention on the family. By designating May 1 as Family Day, and the month of May as Preservation of the Family Month our state will be giving families the recognition and attention they deserve.

Families are the fiber that bind our society together, they are the core of our way of life. In every way we, as a state, should support the family unit and strengthen its position and standing. The passage of HB 88 is important to the 132,837 families in Alaska and to all the Alaskan families of the future.

Family Day, and Preservation of the Family Month have been introduced as a bill to give this day and this month a permanent spot in Alaska law. A resolution, if introduced, would only bind this legislature to the extent that a resolution can bind. Therefore, I urge the the passage of HB 88, as a permanent measure to focus awareness on the family.



PROMPT Foundation, Inc.
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I am requesting the passage of this Bill.

This is why I believe that it is so important!

Today more than ever the institution of Family needs our individual and global attention! Why? Because family is the core of the Society and when the institution of family is falling apart, the whole Society is collapsing!

In my last twenty-five years of observation and research in this country I have noticed a gradual disintegration of the institution of family not only in the United States of America, but in the whole world.

I urge each of us to pay our immediate attention to preservation of this very basic and important institution in our Society by calling May-day on family and asking you to call upon May 1st of each year as the "Family Day" and the month of May as the "Preservation of the Family Month".

Family is where as children we all learn our basic and very important positive values such as loving, caring, sharing, and socializing.

In the last few decades the institution of family has been torn apart from outside with poverty, unemployment, lack of proper medical care, suitable housing, prejudice, ignorance, violence and a fast growing social disease called apathy; and from inside family has been disrupted by lack of education, drugs, alcohol, physical, sexual and psychological abuse, a total collapse of family time, communication and above all a rapid growth in a philosophy of "I ism" and self centeredness.

We can no longer indulge ourselves with a constant demand for our rights when we are not taking our obligations and responsibilities seriously as an individual within our homes or communities, states, country, and the whole world as one big family.

Inside each one of us there is a little unattended child who feels abandoned in the spirit. This child desperately needs to be loved and to love; to be needed and to do his/her part for the rest of the community, state, country, and the whole world as one big family in order to feel good and right in the self. Some experts have called it a sense of belonging, some others have called it a sense of purpose. What is important, is that we can no longer ignore these needs as we have been paying a high price for neglecting them for a long time.

Let us set aside a day called "Family Day", May 1st of each year a May day to remind ourselves of the seriousness of the situation; and in a such a day we try to take time to celebrate the institution of family and focus on peace and harmony within our homes, community, state, and countries as one big family.

A day chosen to make a contribution and to do something good for our homes, family members, a neighbor, or a fellow human being in order to rejuvenate our faith in good and goodness, loving, caring and peace.

Therefore let us feel good about ourselves in doing such right things for others and realizing how important and useful we can be to each other at home, at work, in our community, state, our country, and even in the world.

Because each one of us can make a difference no matter how little it may seem! It is not for us to underestimate the good, misjudge the result and get discouraged, for together we can make a big difference.

Let us set a mark in history that it simply can be done; So, with a little effort from each one of us!

Let us set a whole month aside, as "Preservation of the Family Month", Month of May in which flowers grow all over and spring is at its peak; and let us say to each other at our homes or at our place of work, in our communities, and in our country, or to a fellow human being on this planet of earth that we care as an individual, as a group of people in a community, state or as a leading and peace loving nation, about each other's health, stability and welfare.

Let us be a pioneer individual, community, state and nation in this peace loving effort for the sake of a better tomorrow for our children.

Let our children and their generations after, to say; that it all began with a flash of an idea, a spark of hope, little prayer, and combined efforts of those who cared! And let us continue to care a little more and do a little more as an individual or as a group, community, state, or nation, because it can simply be done!

So, let us give it our best effort during this selected day of May 1st, "Family Day", and this dedicated Month of May as the "Preservation of the Family Month" to get involved in doing a little extra; something good for each other from within our homes, to the community, state, our country, and that of the whole world and light a candle of hope and prayer for peace and bring some more goodness around us. Let us begin a construction of a caring and loving home and a better world for our children to live in; we certainly can not neglect this least effort for their best interest as well as ours.

I sincerely urge you to pass this Bill.

Thank-you.

Massoud Shadzad, M.A.
PROMPT Foundation, Inc.



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *May-Day is a call for help, alerting others of distress and danger; and*

WHEREAS, *the institution of the family has been in great danger of a gradual disintegration for a long time and we need to pay our immediate attention to it; and*

WHEREAS, *in the month of May we also celebrate Mother's Day, which should remind us of the famous quotation, "The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world"; and we all agree on the importance of the parental role in any society and the impact of a loving and caring family as the best environment for the healthy growth of our children; and*

WHEREAS, *May 1st follows the month of April which is designated for "Prevention of Child Abuse"; and*

WHEREAS, *May also represents early spring, growth of flowers and rejuvenation of plants, life and activities in nature again;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM FLORIO, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

MAY, 1992

as

PRESERVATION OF THE FAMILY MONTH

in New Jersey, and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and sixteenth.


GOVERNOR



BY THE GOVERNOR:



DANIEL J. DALTON, SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Governor

PROCLAMATION

• PRESERVATION OF THE FAMILY MONTH •

WHEREAS, the family unit is the most important and basic institution in any society and must be safeguarded against the danger of disintegration; and

WHEREAS, May-Day is a signal signifying distress or danger; and

WHEREAS, in the month of May, Mother's Day is celebrated, reminding us of the quotation, "The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May, 1992, as

• PRESERVATION OF THE FAMILY MONTH •

in Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirteenth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Sixteenth.

ATTEST:

Richard D. Anthony
Secretary of State



A Proclamation

by
Caston Caperton
Governor of the State of West Virginia

- WHEREAS, family is the most important institution in any society, and it is where children learn their basic values and the art of civilization; and,
- WHEREAS, the importance of the parental role in the safe discipline of our children was very well said in the famous quotation, "The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world"; and,
- WHEREAS, a loving and caring family is the best environment for the healthy growth of our children; and,
- WHEREAS, it is fitting that official recognition be given to the importance of the preservation of family loyalties and ties; and,
- WHEREAS, even the strongest of families face serious difficulties, and, on occasion, face the danger of disintegration, not only in the United States of America but also in the world; and,
- WHEREAS, families have been threatened by outside factors such as violence and crime; unemployment; lack of education, medical care and housing; poverty; drug abuse and alcohol;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that I, Caston Caperton, Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 1992 as:

Preservation of Family Month

in West Virginia and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-two and in the One Hundred Twenty-ninth year of the State.



Caston Caperton

CASTON CAPERTON
Governor

By the Governor

Ken Hatcher
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME--GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The institution of the family has been in great danger of a gradual disintegration for a long time and we need to pay our immediate attention to it; and

WHEREAS, We all agree on the importance of the parental role in any society and the impact of a loving and caring family as the best environment for the healthy growth of our children; and

WHEREAS, The family is the basic strength of any free and orderly society; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor the family as a unit essential to the continued well-being of the State of Arkansas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Clinton, Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 1, 1992, as

PRESERVATION OF THE FAMILY MONTH

in Arkansas and urge all family members to join together to strengthen their home life through devotion, love, understanding and the enjoyment of working and living as a family.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on this ~~20th~~ day of April in the year of our Lord ~~1992~~ nineteen hundred ninety-two.

Bill Clinton

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE





OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The institution of the family has been in great danger of gradual disintegration for a long time, and we need to pay immediate attention to it.

In the month of May, we also celebrate Mother's Day, which should remind us of the famous quotation, "The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world." We all agree on the importance of the parental role in any society and the impact of a loving and caring family as the best environment for the healthy growth of our children.

May also represents early spring, growth of flowers and rejuvenation of plants, life, and activities in nature.

For these reasons, May seems an appropriate time to celebrate the strength and importance of families, in Texas and around the world.

Therefore, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1992, as:

PRESERVATION OF THE FAMILY MONTH

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.



In official recognition whereof I hereby affix my signature this
15th day of April, 1992

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation
by
Walter J. Hickel, Governor

MAYDAY is a call for help, alerting others of distress and danger. The institution of the family has been in great danger of gradual disintegration and we need to give immediate attention to it.

During the month of May, we celebrate Mother's Day, which should remind us of the famous quotation, "The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world," and we all agree on the importance of the parental role in any society and the impact of a loving and caring family as the best environment for the healthy growth of our children. May also represents early spring, growth of flowers, and rejuvenation of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Walter J. Hickel, Governor of the State of Alaska do hereby proclaim the month of May 1992 as:

***PRESERVATION OF THE FAMILY AWARENESS
MONTH***

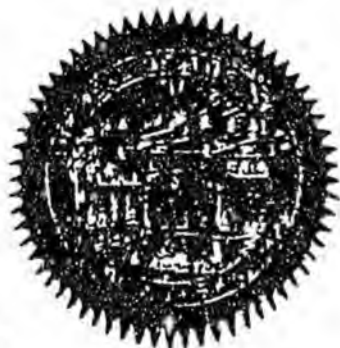
in Alaska, and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital role family plays in our lives.

DATED: April 30, 1992

Done by —

Walter J. Hickel

Walter J. Hickel, Governor
who has also authorized the seal
of the State of Alaska
to be affixed to this proclamation.



LOCAL

Family Day celebration set for Ashland

By Monica Allevan
Of The Tidings

Saving the family from disintegration is the mission behind an Ashland-based foundation for the prevention of domestic violence and child abuse.

Massoud Shadzad, 48, and Sharon Shadzad, 40, are campaigning for a statewide Family Day on May 1, and they're planning a second annual Family Day celebration in Ashland on Wednesday.

The celebration will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Lithia Park handshell. The Rogue Drifters will perform country-western music beginning at 2:30 p.m. People are invited to bring picnics, friends, family and children.

The Shadzads are founders of Problem Resolving and Management Team Foundation, Inc. (PROMPT), a non-profit organization for the prevention of child abuse and domestic violence.

Since its inception about two years ago, the foundation has secured proclamations from the counties of Jackson, Josephine, Malheur and Baker designating May 1 as "Family Day" and the month of May as "Preservation of the Family Month."

Even though the week of Nov. 18-24 has been designated family week on a national basis, May Day calls for immediate attention, and letters are being sent to state governors, Congress and Presi-



Staff photo by Monica Allevan

Massoud Shadzad and Sharon Shadzad are founders of PROMPT, which will hold Family Day in Lithia Park on Wednesday.

nate a national Family Day on a permanent basis, he said. Eventually, they would like to make it an international day.

The couple say the family as an institution has disintegrated and requires immediate attention because of problems associated with drugs, unemployment, violence, homelessness, physical and verbal abuse and child abuse.

"We pay attention to other institutions in society, and family as an institution has been ignored," Massoud Shadzad said. "As far as this country, if the family falls

apart, the whole society will fall apart and that's what's happening."

May Day was chosen for Family Day because "mayday" is a call for help. Mother's Day is celebrated in May, and May follows April, which is designated the month for child abuse prevention. Plus, May 1 is Law Day, and spring symbolizes a time for regrowth.

"Basically, it's to take a look at what's important to us in our life," he said.

The No. 1 cause of child abuse is stress, which

home from the workplace, he said. "The most important thing that I would suggest for parents to do is never, never discipline children when they are angry," he said. "Just to walk away, take time out."

Children need to be taught that violence is not okay. "We should stop entertaining ourselves with violence," he said. By tuning into television programs that portray violence, "we're getting addicted to violence."

One of PROMPT's primary objectives is to get citizen and community involvement. A membership drive is just getting underway, and a new board of directors is being organized. The goal is to have six to 12 members, including a husband and wife team and a youth representative who must be at least 18 years old.

Plans call for an education and prevention center and a team of mobile professionals to some day travel around the country giving lectures and seminars.

PROMPT would like to organize seminars this year on stress management, coping with anger and other topics, and they're looking for volunteers to help with the organization. For more information, call 482-7772.

The couple will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on May 1. "Believe me, we have our shares, too," he said, referring to their five children. "They teach us."

"It's a continual learning process," she added.

Siskiyou

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May 9, 1991

County celebrates Family Day

*Karen Leishman
of the Siskiyou staff*

May 1 marked the second annual Family Day in Jackson County. The band's music rang out, the children played, and families gathered in Lithia Park to kick off the Preservation of Family Month.

Massoud and Sharon Shadzad, the founders of PROMPT, the nonprofit organization responsible for the creation of Family Day, said the celebration was a "great success." According to Massoud, 30 to 50 men, women and children participated in the day long celebration.

The focus of PROMPT, problem resolving and/or management program team, is the prevention of child abuse and family violence.

Massoud said he chose May 1, the traditional Mayday, as a "sign of danger."

"Mayday calls attention to those families in a time of crisis," said Sharon.

Massoud said he believes "family is the core to society and if family falls apart, society falls apart."

"A dysfunctional family is a sign of a dysfunctional society," he said.

According to Massoud, the institution of family is critically "disrupted by inside and outside threats." He said these threats include: poverty, unemployment, homelessness, lack of medical care, drug abuse, violence, and alcohol.

"As a scholar I am disappointed because the issue

of domestic violence and child abuse has been nothing but a political football game among politicians. These issues have not been given the political priority that they deserve."

Massoud said he has been unable to successfully call attention to the need for a Family Day with the Oregon legislature and Gov. Barbara Roberts. As a result, Massoud and Sharon have approached local county governments with PROMPT's proclamation for a Family Day.

"We are succeeding, and we are not going to quit," Massoud said.

As of this May, Massoud and Sharon's efforts have been successful. Six counties, Baker, Clatsop, Malheur, Tillamook, Wasco, and Yamhill, have

passed proclamations to observe May 1 as Family Day, and the month of May as the Preservation of Family Month.

Although Nov. 18 through 24 is nationally observed as family week, the mission of PROMPT is to designate a national Family Day on a permanent basis. Eventually, Massoud said they will strive for international observance.

According to Massoud, PROMPT is "already looking forward to, and planning, 1992's Family Day."

He said he believes "the 1990s is the decade of involvement." The PROMPT organization is looking for volunteers as the organization continues to grow, said Massoud.

Inside



Family Day arrives

Jackson County residents gathered in Lithia Park to kick off Preservation of the Family Month.

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Daily Findings



Staff photo by Randy Wright.

Family Day in the park

May Day in Ashland was also Family Day at the Lithia Park Bandshell, sponsored by the PROMPT Foundation, a local group dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence and child abuse. The turnout at the park was light, but those who did attend enjoyed live music and folk dancing. In photo above, Chelsea Winner, 4, and her grandmother, Sharon Champion of Ashland, watch the activities.

Chelsea is the daughter of Nathan and Devin Winner of Medford. PROMPT stands for Problem Resolving and/or Management Program Team, and is led by Massoud Shadzad. The group is calling for designation of May 1 as a national Family Day holiday to focus attention to the "great danger of a gradual disintegration" of families. — M. Shadzad

