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Bill Packet Information

HB 180-ESTABLISHING CHILDREN'S DAY IN JUNE

- Sponsor Statement
- HB 180(Efd Added) - Version "H.A" - *House Amended Version*
- HB 180 - Version "H" - *Initial Version*
- Fiscal Note:
 - #1 DOA-DGS 4-8-15 (Zero)
- Supporting Documents
 - Back-Up Documents
 - Email Myrna Lugo 4-8-15
 - Email Gary Miller 4-7-15
 - Letter from NEA Alaska 4-8-15

<*Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled*>



REPRESENTATIVE CATHY MUÑOZ

Second Sunday of June as Alaska Children's Day

House Bill

Sponsor Statement for HB180

House Bill 180, an act establishing second Sunday of June as Alaska Children's Day.

The United States currently celebrates Child Health Day on the first Monday of October and National Children's Day on June 8. Both celebrations endorse enrichment and well-being of our children.

Mother's Day in the month of May and Father's Day in June are two celebrations in which we honor and commemorate people that we care about and cherish. Adding Children's Day on the second Sunday of June would complement these family celebrations.

Children's Day focuses on inspiring parents and community members to take positive action and serve as role models for our future generation. This celebration will also help to promote an environment where education and well-being of our children are a priority.

The purpose of this celebration is to promote kids in a positive and fun way. Many countries around the world organize fun celebrations with performance and interactive games that provide kids with a safe and constructive environment, but most importantly, with long lasting childhood memories.

Children's Day in Alaska will encourage our community to celebrate our kids by sending the message that they are valued and important members of our society, reinforcing our commitment to provide a nurturing community to help children reach their full potential.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 180
Fiscal Note Number:	1
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Identifier: HB180-DOA-DGS-04-08-15
 Title: ESTABLISHING CHILDREN'S DAY IN JUNE
 Sponsor: MUNOZ
 Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
 Appropriation: General Services
 Allocation: Facilities
 OMB Component Number: 2429

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? no
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version

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Division:	General Services	Date:	04/08/2015 05:00 PM
Approved By:	Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner	Date:	04/08/15
Agency:	Department of Administration		

STATE OF ALASKA
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Analysis

This bill establishes the second Sunday of June to honor Alaskan children and promote their well-being. The Department of Administration, Division of General Services does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the proposed legislation.

Children's Day

In 1925, the World Conference for the Well-Being of Children in Geneva, Switzerland, proclaimed **June 1 to be International Children's Day**, and many countries celebrate a "Children's Day" on this date (<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/i/internationalchildrensday.asp>).

A similar day of honor is **Universal Children's Day on November 20**, a date selected by the United Nations General Assembly in 1954 to be a day of "worldwide fraternity and understanding between children." On this day, the Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989 (<http://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/>). (Legislative Research)

It appears that at least the last four U.S. presidents have proclaimed a National Child's Day, but have varied in whether they designated June 1 or November 20 as the day of honor. For example, in 2008, President George W. Bush proclaimed June 1 as National Child's Day (<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=77456>), but in 2013, President Obama proclaimed November 20 as National Child's Day (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/11/19/presidential-proclamation-national-childs-day-2013>). (Legislative Research)

June 8th United States celebrates children's day but is not establish in Alaska.

June 1st is the most popular day (47 countries) celebrated Children's Day

National Children's day Second Sunday in June



Universal Children's Day

"The one thing all children have in common is their rights. Every child has the right to survive and thrive, to be educated, to be free from violence and abuse, to participate and to be heard. "

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon



A woman teacher leads children in a game involving singing and role playing at a BRAC childcare centre in the Mirpur sub-district of Dhaka, the capital. UNICEF/NYHQ2013-0364/Noorani

By resolution 836(IX) of 14 December 1954, the General Assembly recommended that all countries institute a Universal Children's Day, to be observed a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children. It recommended that the Day was to be observed also as a day of activity devoted to promoting the ideals and objectives of the Charter and the welfare of the children of the world. The Assembly suggested to governments that the Day be observed on the date and in the way which each considers appropriate. The date 20 November, marks the day on which the Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, in 1959, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in 1989.

Nearly 25 years ago, the world made a promise to children: that we would do everything in our power to protect and promote their rights to survive and thrive, to learn and grow, to make their voices heard and to reach their full potential. In spite of the overall gains, there are many children who have fallen even further behind. Old challenges have combined with new problems to deprive many children of their rights and the benefits of development.

To meet these challenges, and to reach those children who are hardest to reach, we need new ways of thinking and new ways of doing - for adults and children.

There is much to celebrate as we mark the 25th anniversary of the Convention, from declining infant mortality to rising school enrolment, but this historic milestone must also serve as an urgent reminder that much remains to be done. Too many children still do not enjoy their full rights on par with their peers.

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Resources Resources International Children's Day - 1 June

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International Children's Day - 1 June

The World Conference for the Well-being of Children in Geneva, Switzerland, proclaimed June 1 to be International Children's Day in 1925. It is usually marked with speeches on children's rights and wellbeing, and other events involving or dedicated to children.

A similar event, Universal Children's Day, falls on 20 November. It was established by the United Nations in 1954 and aims to promote the welfare of children around the world.



Resource calendar

Links to resources to support learning related to celebrations, awareness days and action weeks throughout the year.

Resources

Wikipedia - Children's Day

Information about when and how Children's Day is celebrated in different parts of the world.

Universal Children's Day

Find out more about this day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children.

Human Rights Education Associates - Universal Children's Day

Learning materials and useful links to support using Universal Children's Day as a context for learning.

British Red Cross - Child soldier

This lesson plan looks at the way some armies and militias "press gang" children and young people into fighting

Valley Gamma Knife Center



Herald News: Letters, June 5, 2013

JUNE 5, 2013

HERALD NEWS

Children's Day

meant to be celebrated

The second Sunday in June has been designated as Children's Day since the 1860s. As that date (This year, it is June 9) approaches, we can find no mention of Children's Day on the calendar. It seems ludicrous for Mother's Day, Father's Day and even Grandparents Day to be so popular, but no mention of Children's Day.

So many terrible things are happening to children, and we repeatedly learn about their misfortunes. Too many are not getting messages of endearment, for they are dying and/or killing each other or living in a world of fear where planning for their funeral is their plan for the future. Children now more than ever need the assistance of parents, educators, religious and business leaders and other adults to cope with the many issues and problems they are experiencing.

Where should we start? Let's start with celebrating Children's Day with simple, inexpensive activities such as ongoing words of encouragement and appreciation and notes of admiration. Wouldn't it be great if all kinds of writing paper were available in beauty salons, barber shops, churches and stores for adults to take a few minutes to write a note to their children and other children such as, "Have I told you lately how much I love you? I am proud of you."

Take a family trip to the park or ice cream shop that you went to as a kid. Maybe the adult can do the child's chore for the day. Go to church with your child, where childhood poems and songs can be led by an adult.

For next year, start working on a calendar that includes Children's Day. One day cannot cure everything, but we can learn a lot.

Mary Cornish, Mae Bradley, Margaret Womack

Maily Miramontes

From: Myrna Lugo <lugoivette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 2:02 PM
To: Maily Miramontes
Subject: Re: Children's Day

Dear Representative Muñoz,

My name is Myrna I Lugo Ramirez, a Juneau resident since 2001 and former child care provider for almost seven years. I would like to express my support for HB180 "An Act establishing the second Sunday of June each year as Children Day". I think is very important to celebrate our kids and designate a special day only to them because they are a fundamental part in our society and because by celebrating all children for an entire day we as adults will value more childhood, will have the commitment to spend time with them encouraging play, lecture, exploring nature, etc.

I move to Juneau from a country that celebrates Children's Day In April, the wonderful memories of my childhood celebrating this holiday still linger to this day. From my experience working with kids, I know how important is to have good experiences during the early years in life.

Establishing a Children's Day in Alaska would be a great opportunity for the community and parents to get involved with this celebration and to take charge in organizing a fun day with children in our community.

Best regards,

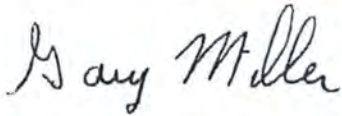
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April 7, 2014

Thank you for introducing HB 180, "An Act establishing the second Sunday of June each year as Children's Day." A friend of mine who lives part-time in Thailand told me how Thailand honors its children with a special day every year just for them. According to internet sites, other countries also have Children's Days. Some of these are China, Japan, Turkey, Switzerland, Australia, Brazil, India and Poland.

We honor our mothers, fathers and grand parents with special days so why not our children? There is nothing more precious to me than my two children and my two grandsons. They are the love of my life. I support HB 180. Thank you for introducing this legislation.



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NEA-ALASKA

Affiliated with the National Education Association

April 6, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Alaska's 13,000 education support professionals and teachers, I am writing in support of HB 180, establishing June 8th as Children's Day in Alaska.

As teachers, counselors, custodians, secretaries, classroom aides, special education paraprofessionals, nurses, and more, we work in Alaska's public schools every day because we are deeply committed to the success of every student. The most rewarding part of our work is fostering the creativity, imagination, and curiosity that unlocks the potential of every child.

Working in education is a calling – a conscious decision to put Alaska's children first. For us, sometimes it feels as if every day is Children's Day. But designating June 8th will give all Alaskans a day to reflect with our families and celebrate Alaska's most precious resource.

Sincerely,

Ron Fuhrer
President