

Head Start Awareness Month Proclamation Templates

Long Version

WHEREAS, the Head Start program is now in its 40th year of success in meeting the needs of low-income children and their families and;

*WHEREAS, the Head Start program has established itself as the foremost early childhood development program in **YOUR STATE OR CITY**; and*

WHEREAS, to achieve its goals, Head Start is responsible for providing a comprehensive nutrition and health program; and

WHEREAS, Head Start assists families in obtaining up to date immunizations for all enrolled children and their siblings; and

WHEREAS, to promote literacy, Head Start recognizes the value of reading to children and encourages reading activities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to focusing on the needs of children, Head Start involves the parents in the education of their own children, in decision making for the program, and hires many qualified parents as Head Start staff; and

WHEREAS, Head Start program personnel recognize the remarkable strengths and courage of families as they struggle to provide the best for their children; and

WHEREAS, Head Start is a cost effective family focused program that has proven to save taxpayers four dollars for every dollar invested in the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I _____, Governor of the Great State of/Mayor of the great city of, _____ do hereby proclaim October 2010, to be

HEAD START Awareness Month

Short Version

“National Head Start Month”

WHEREAS, October has been declared as “National Head Start Month;” and

WHEREAS, Head Start in **YOUR STATE OR CITY** is a comprehensive child development program serving children from birth to age five, and

WHEREAS, having served more than 25 million children since its inception and having served more than _____ children and their families in **YOUR STATE OR CITY** with child-focused programs that have the overall goal of Head Start increasing the school readiness of young children; and

THEREFORE, **YOUR STATE OR CITY** will observe October 2009 as Head Start Awareness Month