



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

As my Presidency of the UN General Assembly is in its final phase, I am reaching out to you with an initiative that I believe fits in very well in to the efforts that I have been making in various areas to highlight the primary and pre-eminent role of the Assembly in dealing with issues which concern the well-being and betterment of the entire humanity. The present initiative relates to the need for our global organisation to create an opportunity to highlight the important roles parents have in the successful raising of their children, to promote responsible parenting in the society, and to uphold the ideal parental role models for the benefit of the new generation.

I believe an ideal way to do that would be designate a particular day of the year dedicated to acknowledging the role of parents as the anchors of the families and foundations of our communities and societies. For this purpose, I am sharing with you for your consideration and support a draft resolution to be submitted by me on behalf of all of you proposing that the Assembly proclaims 1 June as the Global Day of Parents to be observed annually honouring parents throughout the world.

I trust that this draft resolution would receive your enthusiastic support and endorsement. If you have any points to bring to my attention in this regard, please feel free to contact my Office.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Guided by the resolve of the peoples of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, with a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being,

Recalling its resolutions 44/82 and 47/237 proclaiming respectively the International Year of Family and the International Day of Families

Conscious that parents everywhere are the primary caregivers and teachers of their children preparing them for a happy, fulfilling and productive life,

Recognising the pivotal, supporting role of parents in the rearing of children,

Acknowledging that parents are the anchors of the families and foundations of our communities and societies,

Appreciative of parents of every race, religion, culture and nationality in all parts of the world for their selfless commitment to children and their life-long sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 1 June as the Global Day of Parents to be observed annually honoring parents throughout the world;
2. *Invites* Member States to celebrate the Day in full partnership with civil society, particularly involving young people and children;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and civil society organizations for appropriate observance.