



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the children of New York State represent the future and deserve strong and healthy relationships to help them develop to their fullest potential; and

Whereas, fathers and father-figures play a unique role in nurturing their children's intellectual, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual development; the absence of a father-figure can affect children, families, and communities – regardless of income or race; and

Whereas, 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 academically, behaviorally, and socially; and

Whereas, as part of New York State's commitment to promote responsible fatherhood, one day in September has been set aside for fathers and father-figures to take their children to school as a way of becoming more involved in their child's education throughout the year; and

Whereas, this one day focuses attention on the importance of a father or father-figure – whether he is a grandfather, uncle, or mentor – in the educational success of a child; and

Whereas, this is the seventh year of Dads Take Your Child to School in New York State, and it has grown from just a few schools in 2006 to over 400 schools, Head Start Programs, and community partners last year, and included an estimated 4,150 dads;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2013 as

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this sixteenth day
of September in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor