

Government

Have a proclamation or resolution signed for NRPM. A proclamation is granted by an elected official such as a mayor, governor, or president. A resolution is signed by a legislative body such as a state legislature, county commission, or city council. NRS and the NN4Y work to engage Congressional representatives in runaway prevention. In previous years, Congressional representatives have passed resolutions in support of runaway prevention. Below, we have provided a sample proclamation request as well as a sample proclamation. The portions that require customization have been highlighted in red.

Sample Proclamation Request

DATE The Honorable *FIRST NAME LAST NAME, TITLE OF OFFICEHOLDER, ADDRESS*

Dear *SALUTATION*:

November is National Runaway Prevention Month. I am writing on behalf of [name of organization] to request you, in your capacity as TITLE OF OFFICE HOLDER to issue an official Proclamation designating November as Runaway Prevention Month in NAME OF STATE OR LOCALITY.

The goals of National Runaway Prevention Month are twofold:

- 1.) To raise awareness of the runaway and homeless youth crisis and the issues that these young people face*
- 2.) To educate the public about solutions and the role they can play in ending youth homelessness*

We are partnering with the National Runaway Safeline, the federally-designated communication system for runaway and homeless youth and their families, and the National Network for Youth, an organization representing more than 800 local and community-based youth serving agencies to achieve our combined runaway prevention goals.

By issuing an official Proclamation designating November as National Runaway Prevention Month in NAME OF STATE OR LOCALITY you can bring much needed attention to the risks that youth are facing today and would encourage all residents of our STATE OR LOCALITY to play a role in supporting young people who have runaway or who at-risk of doing so.

For your convenience, I have attached suggested Proclamation text. NAME OF ORGANIZATION would be pleased to work with you to develop or participate in a Proclamation Signing ceremony and for generating public awareness about the strategies available to ensure the safety and well-being of our STATE/COMMUNITY's youth and families. Thank you for the

*opportunity to submit this request. Please let me know of your decision. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at **PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS**.*

*Sincerely, **YOUR NAME, TITLE, ORGANIZATION NAME, CONTACT INFORMATION***