

## SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) teaches young people ways to resist peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol, and join gangs;

WHEREAS D.A.R.E. targets young people when they are most vulnerable to tremendous peer pressure and teaches the skills to make positive decisions and avoid negative behaviors;

WHEREAS D.A.R.E. is taught in more than 300,000 classrooms in all 50 states and 54 countries around the world;

WHEREAS over 36 million kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are positively impacted by D.A.R.E. each year;

WHEREAS the D.A.R.E. program is taught by veteran police officers who have direct experience with criminals whose lives have been ruined by substance abuse;

WHEREAS each police officer who teaches the D.A.R.E. program completes an 80-hour training course that includes instruction in teaching techniques, officer-school relationships, development of self-esteem, child development and communication skills;

WHEREAS the D.A.R.E. curriculum, helps students recognize and successfully manage stress, evaluate risk-taking behaviors, resist gang pressure, apply effective decision-making skills, and evaluate the consequences of the choices available to them;

WHEREAS the D.A.R.E. program has achieved outstanding success teaching positive and effective approaches to some of the most difficult problems facing our young people today—substance abuse, violence and gangs: Now therefore, be it

Proclaimed by (name), (mayor, city council member, governor) of (city/state) that (date) is designated as “D.A.R.E. Day” and (name), (mayor/city council member/governor) of (city/state) is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of (city/state) to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_