
Template Proclamation

This is a template proclamation that an elected official could use to officially designate January as National Mentoring Month in a specific location (county, town, city, state).

Name of Location/Official Seal

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH IN [LOCATION]

Whereas, in 2002, the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership created National Mentoring Month;

Whereas, the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality in mentoring into their efforts;

Whereas, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that young person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship;

Whereas, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas;

Whereas, mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy;

Whereas, research shows that young people who were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor were 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college, 81 percent more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities, more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team, and 78 percent more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities;

Whereas, youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully; Whereas, mentors help young people set career goals and use their personal contacts to help young people meet industry professionals and find jobs;

Whereas, all of the above listed benefits serve to link youth to economic opportunity while also strengthening the fiber of our communities