State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

What Every Parent Wants Month

WHEREAS, we all recognize that parenting can be challenging and sometimes families need outside support; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 219,000 families in Rhode Island raising children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 13,000 families come to the attention of the Department of Children, Youth and Families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Children, Youth and Families' mission is to partner with families and communities to raise safe and healthy children and youth in a caring environment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Children, Youth and Families has created the Family Care Community Partnerships to strengthen and support families within their own communities; and

WHEREAS, the Family Care Community Partnerships serve 2,200 families each year; and

WHEREAS, the *"I love my child . . . I want what every parent wants"* campaign provides an opportunity for the Department of Children, Youth and Families and its partners to celebrate children and families and to raise awareness of the services and supports available; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of What Every Parent Wants Month will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media in order to raise public awareness about the Family Care Community Partnerships and the broad array of services available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April, 2014 as What Every Parent Wants Month in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 18th day of March, 2014

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

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