

# Memo

July 16, 2002  
File #: 0450 PRO

To: His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council

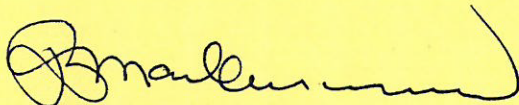
Re: Family Pride Day Proclamation

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I have attached, for your information, a copy of a letter received from 28(1) Personal  
28(1) dated July 10, 2002, regarding the above-noted subject.

This communication is being circulated to you, rather than including it as an item on the next City Council meeting agenda, in accordance with Section 10 (3) (e) of the Procedure Bylaw. We have acknowledged receipt of the correspondence and no further action is required.

Please call me at 777-7264 if you have any questions.



Randy Markewich  
City Clerk

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c: City Manager

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28(1) Personal

Dear 28(1) Personal

Re: Family Pride Day Proclamation

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Thank you for your letter of July 10, 2002, respecting the above-noted subject.

Copies of your letter have been circulated to all members of City Council for their information.

If you require further information, please call me at (306) 777-7262.

Yours truly,

Randy Markewich  
City Clerk

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## Carol Edwards - Holy evangelical!

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**From:** "Will Chabun"  
**To:** <sdbrown@cityregina.com>  
**Date:** 11/Jun/2002 5:09 PM  
**Subject:** Holy evangelical!

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Note reference to Regina.  
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code:4  
 ADVANCE — 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 12  
 INDEX: Media

TORONTO — A complaint that a Toronto Star column unfairly attributed the promotion of violence and hatred to evangelical Christians has been upheld by the Ontario Press Council.

The column by Michele Landsberg, published June 2, 2001, dealt with the proclamation by the mayor of Regina of Heterosexual Family Pride Day, saying the motives were "to try to enshrine one Christian or 'missionary' brand of sexuality as the only official and legal style of union."

"Seems these evangelicals feel all shook up unless the state enforces their form of belief," it said, adding that it creates parents who teach their children to hate and taunt schoolmates who are children of lesbians or gay men; gives licence to the kind of thugs who would beat a Matthew Shepard to death because he was gay, and breeds the toxic intolerance that drives gay youths to a 30 per cent higher suicide rate than other teens.

Janet Epp Buckingham, general legal counsel for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, said the fellowship's concern was that the article "targets evangelical Christians and tends to engender bias and hatred toward them."

"While the reference to evangelicals occurs fairly late in the article, once the link is made to evangelicals, all the epithets used against anyone in the article seem to be linked to evangelicals. It appears to be a direct attack against evangelicals."

The Star responded that the column was not meant to apply to a specific religious faith.

"The term evangelical was not capitalized and refers in this column to individuals with 'militant zeal for a cause,'" it wrote.

It suggested the article should be viewed in the context of earlier columns by Landsberg who, it said, "has long been a voice against extremist forces in several religions, including branches of the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths."

The Star said the fellowship is always welcome to respond to or rebut any opinion column. But Buckingham replied that it chose not to write a letter because it would highlight the article.

Noting such references as "evangelical Christian heartland of the U.S.," and "one Christian or 'missionary' brand of sexuality," the Press Council accepted the contention that the column targeted evangelical Christians as represented by a federation that includes 32 denominational groups, 100 organizations and more than 1,000 individual congregations including the Salvation Army, Baptists and World Vision.

The Press Council, in an effort to define identifiable groups for the purposes of adjudicating complaints, has suggested they constitute people born to a group or part of a group not necessarily by choice and that such groups include religions. In rejecting the notion that the reference to "evangelicals" was intended to mean "zealots," the Council said it recognizes evangelical Christians as an identifiable group and expressed the belief that the reference to them in the column was unnecessarily hurtful.

Text of the adjudication:

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada complained that a Toronto Star column published June 2, 2001, targeted evangelical Christians and tended to engender bias and hatred toward them.

The column by Michele Landsberg dealt with the proclamation by the mayor of Regina of Heterosexual Family Pride Day and said its motive was to assert the supremacy of conservative family values and denigrate the claims of the



gay rights movement.

The fellowship, represented by its general legal counsel, Janet Epp Buckingham of Ottawa, took particular issue with a paragraph that said: "Seems these evangelicals feel all shook up unless the state enforces their form of belief. Their idea of social stability, however, is just what threatens us all. It creates the kind of parents who teach their children to hate and taunt their schoolmates who are children of lesbians or gay men. It gives licence to the kind of thugs who would beat a Matthew Shepard to death because he was gay. It breeds the toxic intolerance that drives gay youths to a 30 per cent higher suicide rate than other teens."

The Ontario Press Council is on record as declaring it believes columnists deserve wide latitude in expressing their opinions, no matter how controversial or unpopular. But, despite the newspaper's contention that the column was using the word "evangelicals" to mean "zealots" and was not intended as criticism of "any formal religious body," the Council regards the term in the column's context as an unnecessarily hurtful reference to an identifiable group and upholds the complaint.

(Ontario Press Council decisions are distributed by The Canadian Press)

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A message from...

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# **Come Celebrate Heterosexual Family Pride Day!**

**Saturday, June. 29<sup>th</sup>/ 2002**

**Don't be proud of yourself, nor of us! Be proud of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and God's good gift of life long, monogamous, holy matrimony!**

## **Featuring Guest Speakers**



*Veteran Evangelist and Radio  
Personalty Rev. Ken Campbell*



*Veteran Christian Activist and  
writer Bill Whatcott*

**Come out of the closet and march for Holy Matrimony!**

**Marchers and floats will gather by the Saskatchewan Legislature at:  
1:00 PM (Start Point Legislative Dr. & Albert St.)**

**The parade will begin with a police escort: 2:00 PM**

**Parade will arrive at Regina City Hall: 3:00PM**

**Coming out ceremony 3:15 PM, "See who is coming out of the closet and declaring themselves to be heterosexual followers of Christ in Regina!"**

**3:30 PM, Rev. Ken Campbell will be sharing from the holy bible in front of City Hall**

**4:00 PM, Bill Whatcott and a few others will share before dispersing for evening worship and celebrations**

**For more information contact:**

**Bill Whatcott, Executive Director Christian Truth Activists: 306-949-0818**

**See what the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour is saying about us!**

*"The committee has also focused its activities in three other main areas: 3. Combating the extremely homophobic ramifications of the proclamation by the City of Regina for Heterosexual Family Pride Day" SFL Solidarity and Pride Committee*

**Contact Mayor Pat Fiocco and let him know that you don't want big labour dictating who is or isn't allowed to have a proclamation in Regina.**

**Call Mayor Fiocco by phone: 777-7339 or fax: 777-6824**

Call Mayor Fiacco and encourage him to defy the intolerant unions and left wing activists. Ask him to proclaim that which is obvious and wholesome!!!!

### Heterosexual Family Pride Proclamation

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I Pat Fiacco, Mayor of the City of Regina, do hereby proclaim, Saturday, June. 29 / 2002 to be:

### **Heterosexual Family Pride Day**

in Regina. In issuing this proclamation we ask our citizens to recognize the intact, traditional, heterosexual family unit as a good and venerable institution.

*"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen 2:24*

## Open letter to the Christian Churches of Regina

Dear Friends, brothers and sisters:

The Christian Truth Activists, has received feedback from a number of believers, as well as non believers regarding our ministries to the pre-born, and the sexually perverted. John Swan the editor of the Leader Post refused to print my last letter to the editor, so rather than rely on our established media, the Christian Truth Activists, has decided to bring our message directly to you.

When we speak to the issue of homosexuality, the biggest complaint we receive is, "you are too judgemental or, you are not loving enough!" Perhaps our modern church in Regina would also find the inspired author St. Paul to be offensive as well. The Bible quotes St. Paul, "Be not deceived, neither the sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, sodomites, thieves, etc..., will inherit the kingdom of heaven." In Leviticus 20:13, God informs Moses, "If a man lies with another man as one lies with a woman, they have done what is detestable, they must be put to death." You won't hear many sermons preached in Regina about these offensive passages, but they are still in the Good Book, none the less. In addition to being called judgemental, we have also been accused of misinterpreting scripture. "God made homosexuals just as they are." A couple of complainers even informed us that Jesus was a sodomite. Christian theology teaches that Jesus is fully God in addition to being fully man. Jesus never contradicted the teachings of God the Father, nor has he contradicted St. Paul. In Matthew 19, our Lord holds up holy matrimony as the only normative sexual union.

For those who object to our preaching on homosexuality, we respond that God has not called us to the secular value of judge nothing. He commands us to judge with righteous judgement, John 7:24. The word of God is clear that homosexuality is a sin, Rom 1, Leviticus 20:13, etc... Few other sins in our culture are threatening to take away our civil liberties, or are corrupting our families, education and government, as the homosexual agenda is doing. The established church in the southern United States did not want to judge slavery and segregation. The German Church preferred to focus on "spiritual things," while anti semitism was threatening to wipe out a vulnerable people in their midst. Many of Regina's church leaders would rather entertain their congregations with contemporary music and stories than actually address the abuse of children being sent to homosexual homes through adoption, or the eternal destiny of young teens entering the sodomite lifestyle through recruitment in our public schools. While all believers can rightly attest that our God is a loving and forgiving God, for those who repent; we also maintain that we should fear him and obey his commands. Our God is not a modern effeminate, who only loves unconditionally and is just there to give us jobs, boy friends, meet our needs as we see fit, etc.... He is a consuming fire, Heb 12:28, 29, He will judge our modern day Sodom that we have allowed to grow in our midst, he will judge our cowardly, self centred and apathetic church, Rev, 2. For those who do not repent, his judgement will be fierce and eternal, Rev 20:15.

The good news is that it is not too late. We can leave our comfortable pews and let our lights shine and our salt become salty once again! As believers, we can reject the secular influences that has corrupted so many of our lives. We can reject the lie that Christians ought not share their world view in our culture. Someone's world view has to prevail. Why is Sodom and our modern day media to be preferred over the wise and time tested counsel that is found in the word of God? We can engage our culture, and let Saskatchewan see that the gospel and the hope



that is in us actually matters and is relevant to our society. The nonsense that Christians should only talk about God in church and that only godless and hedonistic values are fit for public consumption must be rejected. "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice," but when the wicked rule, the people mourn." Prov 29:2. Why should only the philosophies of Mao, Hitler, Stalin and Chretien be considered valid? It was William Wilberforce's conviction that slavery was a sin that led him into public life in 18<sup>th</sup> century England. To this day his work is a testimony for the love of Christ in his life. Bishop Galen of Munster had the courage to publicly condemn Hitler's euthanasia program in 1941 and many lives were saved as a result. Even our small group, the Christian Truth Activists, played a role in the loss of funding for Queer City Cinema, after we exposed their child pornography and films depicting violent sexual perversion at the Regina public library in May 2000. Why shouldn't our convictions, that are based on the word of God not be brought into the public square when a child's life is at stake, whether from abortion or sexual perversion?

For those who object to our graphic pictures, we ask; what would you do if it was your brother or sister that was slated for death by abortion? While many complain that our pictures are disturbing and that our tactics are controversial, we respond, you aren't the one who is slated for abortion. If you were, you wouldn't accuse us of fanaticism. The holocaust of our unborn is proportional in both numbers and suffering to that of the Jews. The Christian Church in Germany had to apologise for not doing enough to advocate for the lives of the Jews. May history bear witness that we did what we could to protect the lives of Saskatchewan's vulnerable unborn children.

A few weeks ago we had a sincere, young lady who identified her self as a Christian, complain to us, "by showing these pictures (our pictures of children murdered by abortion) you are giving Christians a bad name." She shared that her non Christian friends were upset by our public witness against our city's immorality. We suspect that her reasoning is not at all out of sync with Regina's mainstream evangelicalism and Catholicism. Our response is, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26. By caring about the unborn, enough to actually advocate publicly for their well being, by going public with their opposition to the extermination of the Jews and the disabled 60 years ago, the confessing church has shown it's self to be "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people;" 1 Pet 2:9. God is not looking for a church that is popular in the eyes of unbelievers and avoids controversy at any cost. He wants a church, "which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," 1 Tim 3:15. Being the pillar means we confront our society's idolatry and murder, we boldly proclaim both the law of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. The retreat of the church's men into effeminacy and irrelevancy will insure that the church never resembles the pillar of truth that God intends it to be. Rather the world will consume the church and many lives will be lost as a result.

For those with questions, concerns or who wish to march in our parade celebrating the God ordained marriage covenant, or who wish to put aside a day or two for the lives of our precious pre-born children please contact:

Bill Whatcott, Christian Truth Activists: 306-949-0818, e-mail: [jesus.w@accesscomm.ca](mailto:jesus.w@accesscomm.ca)

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt 5:16*



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF REGINA

June 5, 2002

Mr. Bill Whatcott,  
Executive Director,  
Christian Truth Activists,  
337 Elphinstone Street,  
Regina, Saskatchewan.  
S4R 3W7

Dear Mr. Whatcott:

**Re: Request for Proclamation**

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I am writing with respect to your request for proclamation of June 29 as "Heterosexual Family Pride Day". I have decided to deny this request on the basis of clause 37(2)(b) of *The Procedure Bylaw* No. 9004 of the City of Regina. That provision provides as follows:

- "37(2) Subject to *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code* the Mayor may, in his sole discretion, approve the proclamation submitted pursuant to subsection (1), provided the proclamation does not:
- (b) involve any person or organization which promotes hatred of any person or class of persons or otherwise involves illegal activity;"

The purpose, as I understand it, of the proclamation provision is to afford me the discretion to recognize community associations and events to proclaim positive messages about our community. Although the proclamation of a day to express pride in either family or heterosexuality is not in itself offensive, I am concerned that you and your organization are promoting a negative message about other persons which is contrary to the terms of both the Bylaw and the *Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*.

As you know, I approved a similar proclamation in 2001. Since then, however, citizens have brought to my attention letters apparently written and publicly distributed by you that may promote hatred of homosexuals. As Mayor of all of the people of Regina, it is my duty and desire to promote a positive image of our City and to support a community that promotes respect for all its citizens.

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In considering whether I should approve or deny this request, I referred both your request and the correspondence to the City Solicitor for his review and advice. He pointed out that subsection 37(2) of the bylaw, which authorizes me to approve proclamations, is expressly subject to *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*. Section 44 of that Act provides that all laws of Saskatchewan are subject to the *Code*, including our bylaws. Section 3 of *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code* states the objects of the Act:

"The objects of this Act are:

- (a) to promote recognition of the inherent dignity and the equal inalienable rights of all members of the human family; and
- (b) to further public policy in Saskatchewan that every person is free in dignity and rights and to discourage and eliminate discrimination."

The Act prohibits discrimination against any person or class of persons for various reasons, including sex, sexual orientation, family status and marital status. Section 14 in particular prohibits any publication:

- "(a) tending or likely to tend to deprive, abridge or otherwise restrict any person or class of persons or any right to which he is or they are entitled to under the law; or
- (c) which exposes, or tends to expose to hatred, ridicule, belittles or otherwise affronts the dignity of any person, any class of persons or a group of persons; because of his or their . . . sex, sexual orientation, family status [or marital status]"

Both sexual orientation and family status are therefore protected interests under the *Code*.

Two undated letters apparently written by you and distributed to the public in the past year raised serious concerns for me. Both letters list you and the Christian Truth Activists as author. One is titled "Open Letter to Regina on Mayor, Buggery and Gun Ownership" and the other is titled "Open letter to the Christian Churches of Regina". The first letter refers to homosexuals as "a perverted special interest group" and to both divorced families and homosexual partnerships as "aberrations". Homosexuality is also equated to alcoholism. The lifestyle of the homosexual is referred to as "filthy". The second letter states that "homosexuality is a sin . . ." which is "threatening to take away our civil liberties [and] corrupting our families, education and government". The letter states the need to condemn homosexuality, just as "slavery and segregation" needed to be condemned in earlier times. Homosexuality is also referred to as "sexual perversion and rebellion against God" and is correlated with pedophilia. The letter states that "the Bible teaches that unrepentant sodomites and lesbians as well as all other non-believers will spend the rest of eternity in hell".



Although the Bylaw provides me with discretion to approve or deny proclamations, I also considered whether any other rights might be affected, in particular freedom of expression, which is guaranteed by both section 5 of *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code* and section 2 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. The City Solicitor has advised me that the Supreme Court of Canada has rejected challenges to provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting wilful promotion of hatred on the basis that such laws can be justified even though they may infringe upon the freedom of expression.

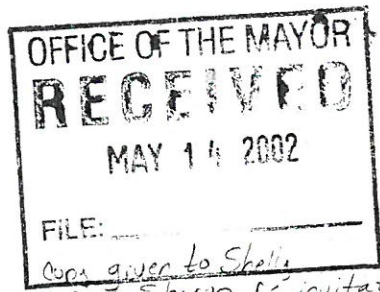
The tone and content of your published statements cause me to conclude, based upon legal advice, that your proclamation ought not to be approved under the terms of the Bylaw.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Fiocco', written in a cursive style.

Pat Fiocco,  
Mayor

c: City Clerk  
City Solicitor



May. 12/ 2002

Dear Mayor Fiacco:

During the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April, I spoke to your secretary concerning the status of our second annual Heterosexual Family Pride Parade. I was told that you would deal with this matter as soon as the city budget was dealt with. Seeing as this year's budget issues are dealt with, we would like to remind your worship that the Christian Truth Activists are eagerly awaiting your approval for our Heterosexual Family Pride proclamation. Indeed by proclaiming a proclamation that endorses life long holy matrimony between a man and a woman, you are creating a unique place in history for Regina. We would like to point out to you that the whole world will be taking notice of Regina, as pro lifers and conservative Christians from all over North America come to visit our fair city and celebrate that lifestyle, which is healthy, wholesome and blessed by our Creator God.

We would also like to inform your worship that the famous evangelist, Rev. Ken Campbell will be travelling from British Columbia and joining us for this year's parade. We have allotted him 20 minutes to address the parade participants in front of Regina City Hall and we thought that we would like to extend an invitation to yourself to address our parade as well. Many law abiding and tax paying Regina citizens will be marching in this year's parade. We would like to know that we are just as valued by your worship as the various left wing special interest groups that feast sumptuously on taxpayer grants and seem to never suffer for want of attention from Regina's mayor and City Councilors. We will also be enjoying the participation on a number of American and out of province Canadian pro family marchers as well. I hope you will recognize the valuable contribution that these visitors will make to Regina's tourist industry. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely: *Bill Whateott*

Executive Director, Christian Truth Activists  
337 Elphinstone St. Regina, SK, S4R-3W7  
(306) 949-0818  
jesus.w@accesscomm.ca

*Copy to City Solicitor, City Clerk, Carol Edwards*

*"For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and the two shall be one flesh." Matthew 19:5*



## Memo

December 28, 2001

File #: 040 PRO

To: Randy Markewich, City Clerk

From: Sharon Carlston, Mayor's Office

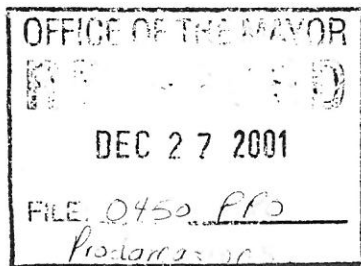
Re: **Proclamation Request - Heterosexual Family Pride Day - June 29, 2002**

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As we discussed yesterday, attached is a request from Bill Whatcott, Christian Truth Activists, requesting a proclamation for Heterosexual Family Pride Day on June 29, 2002. I will advise Mayor Fiacco that we have received this request.

Thanks Randy.





Dec.25/ 2001

Dear Mayor Fiacco:

I am writing to formally request a proclamation for our second annual **Heterosexual Family Pride Day**. We will be having a parade and celebrations on **June. 29/ 2002**. Our parade will begin at the Provincial Legislature at 2:00 PM and should wind up at City Hall by 3:00 PM. We will cordially invite the Mayor to address our parade participants. We expect more than 50 marchers from all over Saskatchewan to join us in a celebration of that which is healthy, normal and pleasing to our Creator. Hence we will also request that **June/ 29/2002** be proclaimed as **Heterosexual Family Pride Day**.

Life long, monogamous, heterosexual marriage is God's plan for the building and development of healthy children. While society is drifting away from this institution and some academics are rejecting and denigrating marriage, the truth remains that couples and family do best when they commit to each other and save the sex for the wedding night. We trust that our mayor will reject political correctness and do the right thing by affirming life long heterosexual marriage as a good institution to be recognized by the good people of Regina.

Sincerely:

*Bill Whatcott*  
Bill Whatcott, Christian Truth Activists  
337 Elphinstone St. Regina, SK, S4R-3W7  
(306) 949-0818

*"Haven't you read, that in the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and said, for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined, let not man separate." Matt 19:4-6.*

## Heterosexual Family Pride Proclamation

Whereas, the intact heterosexual family unit is ordained by God as clearly revealed in the Holy Bible, Gen 2:23, 24, Matt 19:4-6.

Whereas, large bodies of research support the conclusion that intact heterosexual families provide an excellent nurturing environment for children.

Whereas, many believe that intact heterosexual families provide a necessary source of stability that benefits society as a whole.

Whereas, intact heterosexual family units provide much needed stability and moral direction for children and young adults.

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### **Heterosexual Family Pride Day**

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"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen 2:24

May 22, 2001  
File No. 0450 PRO

28(1) Personal

Dear 28(1)

Re: Proclamation - Heterosexual Family Pride Day

Mayor Fiacco received your correspondence regarding the "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation. On his behalf, I want to provide you with some background on this proclamation, and let you know that Regina also expects to be proclaiming "Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Pride Week" in June, as has been done for the last several years.

City Council's Procedure Bylaw authorizes the Mayor to issue proclamations. The provisions in the bylaw state that, subject to *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*, the Mayor may approve the proclamation submitted provided it does not:

- (a) promote any commercial business;
- (b) involve any person or organization which promotes hatred of any person or class of persons or otherwise involves illegal activity; or
- (c) contain any inflammatory, obscene or libelous statement.

Approximately 60 to 70 proclamations are approved each year in Regina for various groups and events. Proclamations are usually approved, based on the words submitted by the group. They may publish the proclamation in local newspapers at their own cost for promotional purposes. This process has been a longstanding practice, which predates the present Mayor.

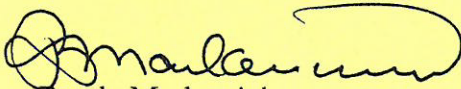
The "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation was signed and issued in the words submitted. Mayor Fiacco approved this proclamation based on freedom of expression, the absence of anything illegal or specifically indicating hatred. Since approving the proclamation, the Mayor has received correspondence from a number of individuals who feel that the proclamation is worded too strongly.

Based on the feedback received, Mayor Fiacco intends to change the policy for the wording of proclamations. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001, all proclamations approved by the Mayor will be issued with standard wording chosen by the Mayor.



I hope this clarifies the background on our process for proclamations. Thank you for taking the time to write. Please let us know if you require any further information.

Yours truly,



Randy Markewich  
City Clerk

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city of  
**Regina**

March 19, 2001  
File No. 0450 PRO

28(1) Personal

Dear 28(1)

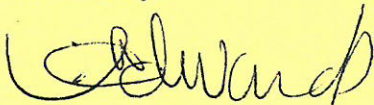
Re: Proclamation - Heterosexual Family Pride Day – June 18, 2001

Thank you for your correspondence in support of a proclamation for Heterosexual Family Pride Day.

For your information, His Worship Mayor Fiacco has signed a proclamation for June 18, 2001. Attached is a copy of the signed proclamation.

Please let me know if you require further information.

Yours truly,



Carol Edwards  
Committee Services Coordinator

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF REGINA

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS the intact heterosexual family unit is ordained by God as clearly revealed in the Holy Bible (Gen 2:23, 24 Matt 19:4-6); and
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- WHEREAS when monogamy is practiced, the husband and wives who enjoy sexual relations in the confines of their heterosexual marriage have no reason to worry about STD's, AIDS or broken hearts.

NOW THEREFORE I, Pat Fiacco, Mayor of the City of Regina, do hereby proclaim  
Monday, June 18, 2001 as

**HETEROSEXUAL FAMILY PRIDE DAY**

in Regina, and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day.

Pat Fiacco  
Mayor

January. 2/ 2001

Dear Carol Edwards:

Enclosed is our proclamation. Which, as far as we can tell meets your guidelines. We are also requesting a flag raising ceremony on the city hall grounds. We have a flag that symbolizes all that is good and true about the heterosexual marriage covenant.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to celebrate the heterosexual family.

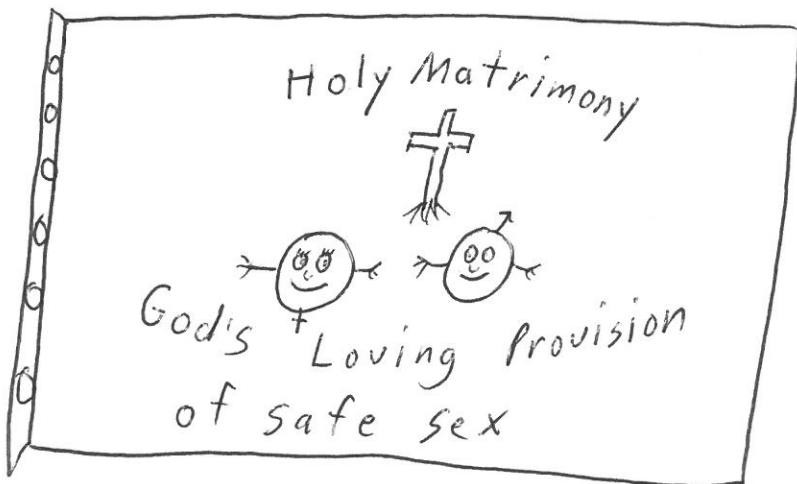
Yours truly:

*Bill Whatcott*

Bill Whatcott  
Christian Truth Activists  
37 Elphinstone St, Regina, Sk  
S4R-3W7, (306) 949-0818

*Proposed date for ceremony & proclamation  
is: Monday, June 18/2001 @ 13:45 in  
front of city hall.*

*rough sketch of flag:*





## Heterosexual Family Pride Proclamation

Whereas, the intact heterosexual family unit is ordained by God as clearly revealed in the Holy Bible, Gen 2:23, 24, Matt 19:4-6.

Whereas, large bodies of research support the conclusion that intact heterosexual families provide an excellent nurturing environment for children.

Whereas, many believe that intact heterosexual families provide a necessary source of stability that benefits society as a whole.

Whereas, intact heterosexual family units provide much needed stability and moral direction for children and young adults.

Whereas, intact heterosexual families provide sexual satisfaction for the men and women who are committed to them.

Whereas, when monogamy is practiced; the husbands and wives who enjoy sexual relations in the confines of their heterosexual marriage have no reason to worry about STD's, AIDS or broken hearts.

I Pat Fiacco, Mayor of the City of Regina, do hereby proclaim, Monday, June. 18/ 2001 to be:

### **Heterosexual Family Pride Day**

in Regina. In issuing this proclamation we ask our citizens to recognize the intact, traditional heterosexual family unit as a good and venerable institution.

December 14, 2000  
File No. 0450 PRO

Mr. Bill Whatcott  
Christian Truth Activists  
337 Elphinstone Street  
REGINA SK S4R 3W7

Dear Mr. Whatcott:

Re: Request for Proclamation – Christian Truth Activist's Heterosexual Family Pride Day

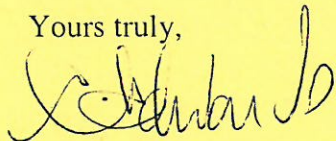
Thank you for your letter dated December 11, 2000, addressed to Mayor Fiocco requesting a proclamation for "Christian Truth Activist's Heterosexual Family Pride Day". Your letter was forwarded to the City Clerk's office, as we are responsible for the processing of proclamation requests.

To consider your request, we will require the proposed wording of the proclamation. To assist you, we have enclosed samples from other groups, as well as a package of information, which explains our process for proclamations.

You may fax us your sample wording for your proclamation to (306) 777-6809.

We look forward to receiving your proclamation. If you require any assistance with the wording or any further information, please call me at (306) 777-7185.

Yours truly,



Carol Edwards  
Committee Services Coordinator

/dlk

Attachments

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December 11/ 2000

Dear Mayor Fiocco:

I would like to request that the city of Regina issue a formal proclamation for Christian Truth Activist's Heterosexual Family Pride Day. We would like to celebrate the traditional God ordained marriage covenant on Monday, June. 18/ 2001. We also have a flag and we would like to raise it at City Hall to celebrate tolerance and diversity, given that perversity seems to be the norm and happy, healthy, life long marriage is almost unheard of and is indeed being discriminated against.

I look forward to hearing from you and the Christian Truth Activists are looking forward to celebrating with the city of Regina, that which is normal, healthy and pleasing in the eyes of our creator.

Sincerely:

*Bill W. Katoth*  
Christian Truth Activists  
337 Elphinstone St.  
Regina, SK, S4R-3W7  
(306) 949-0818

*"If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman they have done what is detestable." Leviticus 20:13*

*"Fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything that is hidden, whether it is good or evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14*

*"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will exalt you." James 4:10*



**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal  
**WEBMASTER**  
**Date:** 4/20/01 4:46pm  
**Subject:** Re: Other

Hi 28(1)

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence inquiring about the "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation. I can confirm that the Mayor did sign a proclamation for this day and also wish to provide you with some additional information regarding our process for proclamations.

City Council's Procedure Bylaw authorizes the Mayor to issue proclamations. The provisions in the bylaw state that, subject to The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, the Mayor may approve the proclamation submitted provided it does not:

- (a) promote any commercial business;
- (b) involve any person or organization which promotes hatred of any person or class of persons or otherwise involves illegal activity; or
- (c) contain any inflammatory, obscene or libelous statement.

Approximately 60 to 70 proclamations are approved each year in Regina for various groups and events. Proclamations are usually approved, based on the words submitted by the group. They may publish the proclamation in local newspapers at their own cost for promotional purposes. This process has been a longstanding practice which predates the present Mayor.

The "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation was signed and issued in the words submitted. Mayor Fiacco approved this proclamation based on freedom of expression, the absence of anything illegal or specifically indicating hatred. Since approving the proclamation, the Mayor has received correspondence from a number of individuals who feel that the proclamation is worded too strongly.

Based on the feedback received, Mayor Fiacco intends to change the policy for the wording of proclamations. Effective July 1st, 2001, all proclamations approved by the Mayor will be issued with standard wording chosen by the Mayor.

Please let us know if you require any further information.

Carol Edwards,  
Committee Services Co-ordinator  
City Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 1790  
REGINA, SK S4P 3C8  
(306) 777-7185

>>> City of Regina WEBMASTER 04/11/01 08:28am >>>

Thank you for visiting the City of Regina website. Your inquiry has been forwarded to the appropriate division for a response.

28(1) Personal

04/10/01 11:38pm >>>



# Memo

April 12, 2001  
File #: 0450 PRO

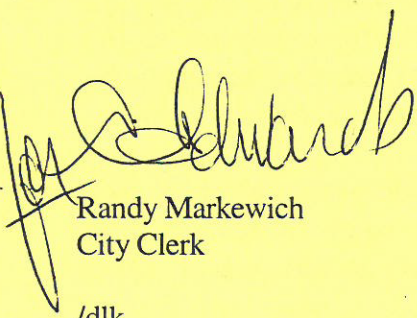
To: His Worship the Mayor  
and Members of City Council

Re: Proclamation – Heterosexual Family Pride Day

I have attached, for your information, a copy of a letter received from 28(1) of the 28(1), dated March 31, 2001, regarding the above-noted subject.

This communication is being circulated to you, rather than including it as an item on the next City Council meeting agenda, in accordance with Section 10 (3) (e) of the Procedure Bylaw. We have acknowledged receipt of the correspondence and no further action is required.

Please call me at 777-7264 if you have any questions.

  
Randy Markewich  
City Clerk

/dlk

c: City Manager

Attachment

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Note: Mayor's Office responded to 28(1)

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