

Carol Edwards - To Mayor Fiacco -- Re: Heterosexual Family Pride Day

From: 28(1) Personal
To: <pfiacco@cityregina.com>
Date: 08/Jun/2001 1:43 PM
Subject: To Mayor Fiacco -- Re: Heterosexual Family Pride Day

Dear Mayor Fiacco:

I append below your official proclamation of Heterosexual Pride Day which, according to all reports, is set to proceed as scheduled.

It is the beginning of the sheerest infamy when the leader of a society founded on libertarian and egalitarian principles proclaims as a festival an event which is a slap in the face of those very people whose interests he is required, by the principles of the constitution, by the rule of law and by what I imagine (perhaps falsely) is his goodwill to his fellow human beings, to protect and to uphold.

Your proclamation shows no regard, in the first place, for those individuals who are not of Christian persuasion; in the second place, it discriminates against LGBTQ peoples. I shall neither insult your intelligence nor waste my time by listing the reasons ; I suggest that what is at fault here is not your intelligence but your sense of morality and I urge you to reconsider your proclamation.

One of the hallmarks of human decency, Mayor Fiacco, is acceptance and tolerance of one's fellow human beings, regardless of difference. I put to you that tolerance is a fundamental cornerstone of democratic egalitarianism; I urge you, as a leader of a democratic people, to show some.

Sincerely yours,
28(1) Personal

 >>>> PROCLAMATION

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>>>> NOW THEREFORE I, Pat Fiacco, Mayor of the City of Regina, do
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>>>> proclaim Monday, June 18, 2001 as HETEROSEXUAL FAMILY PRIDE
 >>DAY in

>>> Regina, and in

>>>> issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this
 >>day.

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>>>> Pat Fiacco

>>>> Mayor

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From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/3/01 5:19pm
Subject: Re: Comments

Dear 28(1)

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>>>28(1) Personal

• 05/31/01 02:53pm >>>

The declaration of a heterosexual pride day makes no difference to me or the people I know. If it makes you feel good - go for it.

What does make a difference to me and the people I know are your unfortunately comments surrounding your proclamation. You directly inferred that the Gay and Lesbian community has a strong inclination toward STD's and Aids. It is unfortunately that you only see what you want to see. Do you not know that STD's and Aids are very active in the heterosexual community?? Your comments are not only misleading, they help incite hate and discrimination. In a country that prides itself on human rights and dignity, you should be ashamed.

What sets you and my gay son apart is not sexuality, but the fact that my son does respect the rights and

diversity of all people and would never presume to make such wild and hateful comments. You can think you are better if you like, but I know differently.

28(1) Personal

Parents Friends Families of Gays and Lesbians (PFLAG Toronto)

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/13/01 3:52pm
Subject: Re: heterosexual family pride day

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>>> 28(1) Personal

• 06/13/01 03:04pm >>>

Dear Mayor Fiacco,
I was so disappointed and upset when I heard that you had proclaimed June 18 to be "Heterosexual Family Pride Day". It has been hard for me to find the words to explain why I find it so profoundly wrong to promote such a day but I will try.

This proclamation reeks of intolerance. Heterosexual intact families are not discriminated in any way in our society - in fact, they are celebrated every day of the year. "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" alienates single parent families, divorced families, of course, families headed by homosexual men and women. By this proclamation, you have given credence to the homophobics of Regina.

Our city needs more events that focus on inclusion and tolerance not exclusion and intolerance - as mayor, you should work on drawing people together not driving them apart. Instead of a day that celebrates such a select nondiscriminated group, Regina would be better served with a day that celebrates all families that succeed in raising children with love and tolerance.

Sincerely,

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From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help
Date: 5/30/01 3:55pm
Subject: re: Heterosexual pride day

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>>> 28(1) Personal

05/30/01 11:24am >>>

To whom it may concern;

I was walking through Victoria Park one day and was surprised to see inflammatory posters put up on the Community board not only promoting the heterosexual pride day, but actually expressing prejudice against the gay community (i.e. one of them expressed the reason for the heterosexual pride day was that all they saw was gay

men kissing). I was shocked but not too surprised that the heterosexual pride day would be used as an excuse for this type of behavior.

Just because someone happens to submit a proclamation should not obligate the Mayor to pass it. I think a little thought and foresight should have been put into the consequences of making possible such a backwards day. Why don't we have a Proud-to-be-White day while we're at it? We could have KKK members in the parade to throw candy to the kids.

Well, maybe I'm getting too sarcastic so I shall end my e-mail with this: fewer people will be hurt by the cancellation of heterosexual pride day than if it was to go on as scheduled. Please help heal the wounds all ready made.

Sincerely,
28(1) Personal

Proud (heterosexual) supporter of
the gay, bisexual and lesbian community

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/13/01 1:07pm
Subject: Re: "Heterosexual Family Pride Day"

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>>> 28(1) Personal

06/12/01 10:35pm >>>

When reading the proclamation that you have put forth regarding June 18th I was initially in a little bit of shock.&; First of all I do recognize that you have not outright declared that homosexual relations are "wrong", "sinful" or "unsatisfying", but you certainly do allude quite blatantly to that assertion.; Here is the crux of my response to your proclamation.; I am not here to argue your conviction.; I am not here to argue the validity or satisfaction of a homosexual relation versus a heterosexual relation. I just feel that it is insulting to both to set aside a day based on the qualifications that you have set forth. It is arrogant to assert your sexuality in such a way. I am not a big fan of gay pride rallies, but I am certainly in favor of protecting the tolerance of other's way of life. How do we have any right to judge ourselves as so right in our life that we take an arrogant pride in it. It is almost laughable to read about.

Besides the gay vs. straight aspect of your proclamation, there is also the idea of an "intact" family vs.

(what I would assume you would call) a "broken" family. Have you taken a look at society today? There is such a diversity in religion, culture, and family structure that it is impossible to attempt to place them all under one all encompassing blanket. Also, just because a family is intact, with monogamous parents, does not mean that it is still a healthy environment for the child. heteroalways going e instances of abuse, neglect and complexes as a result of these.

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From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help
City Central Help
Date: 6/4/01 10:39am
Subject: Re: Heterosexual Proclamation

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence. A copy of your e-mail has been forwarded to the Mayor for his information.

>>> 28(1) Personal 05/30/01 10:18am >>>

Mayor, Council members, Staff: I am pleased to see that the City of Regina has taken the initiative to establish a Heterosexual family pride week, other cities should follow suit. I thought I would take this opportunity to compliment you because I understand from the Regina Leader-Post that you are receiving e-mail critical to this proclamation and it is time try and balance the responses. Remember that the majority of people in agreement generally remain silent so you are hearing from a noisy few. If a few special interest groups can get their way then it is time to take steps to balance the scales. It is interesting that these private interest groups are only tolerant when they get their views aired but they do not want others to be entitled to theirs.

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28(1) Personal

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To: 28(1) Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City
Central Help
Date: 6/4/01 10:43am
Subject: Re: Mayor Pat Fiacco

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>>> 28(1) Personal 05/30/01 02:53pm >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal

Email is

Comments are Hi Pat, Although, Michael F. is probably right in that the city should get out of the \"proclamation\" business, I'd like to say thanks for proclaiming \"heterosexual family day\". It's about time someone stood up to \"political correctness\", and for us \"run-of-the-mill\" family types.

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal
WEBMASTER
Date: 4/20/01 4:58pm
Subject: Re: Other

Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City of Regina

Hi 28(1) Personal

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

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>>> City of Regina WEBMASTER 04/05/01 03:37pm >>>

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>>> 28(1) Personal 04/05/01 03:13pm >>>

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Email: [28\(1\) Personal](#)

TimetoCall: Anytime

Contact by : E-Mail

I am inquiring as to whether the City of Regina has or is thinking about having a Heterosexual Day. I heard it was to be June 18? Please email me back as to whether I have the date wrong or if there is such a day.

Thanks

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/13/01 12:33pm
Subject: Re: Hetrosexual Pride Day

Dear 28(1) Personal

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>>> 28(1) Personal

06/08/01 08:00am

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I feel this is a big mistake. This event is extremely right wing religious. It looks unprofessional to use bible quote to justify anything nowadays. The bible is a book, the fact or fiction of the book is always in question. I feel that this day should not go forward.

Thank you,

28(1) Personal

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City
Central Help
Date: 6/4/01 10:41am
Subject: Re: Mayor Pat Fiacco

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>>> 28(1) Personal 05/30/01 07:04pm >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal

Email is

Comments are Dear Pat:

I am writing to commend you on approving the proclamation for Heterosexual Pride Day.

It is good to see your support for the family unit as God intended it to be ... your leadership will surely bear much good fruit as you continue to take a stand for what is righteous and just.

I encourage you to ignore the indignant whining of those who chose to destroy themselves with \"alternate\" lifestyles.

Good for you, Pat -- and please retain the fortitude to proclaim it each and every year, with all it's preamble.

God Bless you.

28(1) Personal

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help
Date: 6/4/01 10:42am
Subject: Re: Mayor Pat Fiocco

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>>> 28(1) Personal 05/30/01 07:57pm >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal
Email is
Comments are Dear Mr Fiocco;

I read a recent article from the Leader Post regarding your proclamation of \"Heterosexual Family Pride Day\". As a former City of Regina resident I would like to offer my absolute total support for this proclamation.

There have been various proclamations that have appeased every vocal left wing nut cause imaginable. You have now proclaimed a day that represents views of the majority of the silent majority. I would like to wish you great success in your endeavours to improve the image of the City.

I would also like to congratulate you on trying to do something about the incredibly high tax level within the City of Regina (Saskatchewan generally)

During the 20 years we lived in Regina we saw our total house taxes rise from \$1,900 to over \$3,500. Since moving to Calgary our taxes have DECREASED from \$2,200 to \$2,000.

Both houses have about the same square footage except our Calgary house was built in 1998. Calgary is booming, Regina is not. Do you think that there is any connection between the tax levels and level of economic activity??? The only problem you will have is that Saskatchewanites love to pay taxes - You are taking away some of that pleasure.

Once again congratulations and the best of luck in the future in turning around the attitudes in your city. There is an incredible need for that to occur on a Province wide basis. If taxes don't decrease Saskatchewan will be the Newfoundland of the prairies.

If the citizenry of Regina oust you come on out to Calgary - Our Liberal mayor (from Saskatchewan) isn't running again. We need some of your views here at City Hall.

A red necked ex Reginian living in Calgary

28(1) Personal

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/4/01 10:50am
Subject: Re: Mayor Pat Fiacco

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>>> 28(1) Personal 06/01/01 01:10pm >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal

Email is _____

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I was reading about your declaration of Hetrosexual and Family Pride Day in The Leader Post online. I want to say good for you, the gay side have their day, why noy the normal people have their day too. I know you must be getting some negative feedback, from the gay community, but hang in there.

Maybe a way to stop the negative comments is to, totally do away with any pride type days alltogether, then nobody can complain.

I know you are a very busy man, so if you don't have time to respond to me, I understand.

Sincerely,

28(1) Personal

Carol Edwards - Re: proclamation

From: 28(1) Personal
To: "Carol Edwards" <CEDWARDS@cityregina.com>
Date: 04/Apr/2001 10:10 PM
Subject: Re: proclamation

Dear Carol,

Thanks for your response. We are very pleased to hear it and we're looking forward to our visit in May.

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Carol Edwards" <CEDWARDS@cityregina.com>
 To: "City Central Help City Central Help" <CITYHELP@cityregina.com>;

28(1) Personal

Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2001 4:33 PM
 Subject: Re: proclamation

Hello 28(1) Personal

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

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>>> 28(1) Personal

03/29/01 10:21am >>>

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>>Pat Fiacco
>>Mayor
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Carol Edwards - proclamation

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Date: 29/Mar/2001 9:24 AM
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To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help
Date: 4/4/01 5:33pm
Subject: Re: proclamation

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>>> 28(1) Personal

03/29/01 10:21am >>>

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From: Carol Edwards
To: INternet [28\(1\) Personal](#)
Date: 5/30/01 2:20pm
Subject: Re: FW: Heterosexual Pride Day

[28\(1\) Personal](#)

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-----Original Message-----

From: [28\(1\) Personal](#)
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2001 2:43 PM
To: info@tourismregina.com
Subject: Heterosexual Pride Day

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successful members of the community. Scientific studies have shown no adverse impact to children of monogomous gay couples, in fact have shown

those children to be happy and stable kids who grow up to be successful adults. I think you should also know that my family will not be choosing

Regina to spend our vacation dollars at, nor will we as long as this type of

propoganda is condoned by your mayer and your city.

28(1) Personal

CC: "colleen.toth@tourismregina.com".Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 5/30/01 3:57pm
Subject: Re: Mayor Pat Fiacco

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>>> 28(1) Personal 05/30/01 03:36pm >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal

Email is

Comments are Mr. Mayor,

I would like to forward to you my discontentment regarding Heterosexual Family Pride day. I thought perhaps one such as yourself would realize the only reason Mr. Whatcott wanted this day was because he was homophobic and bigoted. I fear what is yet to come from your decision to allow such a day. Perhaps a White Pride day? Or Upper-Middle Class day?

And I am not being facetious, these days are next up to bat. The reason why we have days such as Gay pride day or Aboriginal week or whatever, is because these folk have lived in the background for so long. These days are to promote awareness and acceptance. The Heterosexual family is a staple of the world. Everyone accepts it, and everyone knows about it. So why bother having a day to celebrate it? I am appalled at your decision, and not because I am gay. I am a heterosexual mother, and I don't need to wave a banner or have a day. I just fear that because you are allowing the extremist this much leverage, what's next? I know you have recieved numerous emails expressing non-support of this day, and I certainly look forward to your public response of all our concerns, and explanation of yourself.

Regards,

28(1) Personal

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/7/01 5:10pm
Subject: Re: How RUDE !!!!

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>>> 28(1) Personal

06/05/01 07:38pm >>>

Dear " Mr. Mayor."...

Well who died..... and appointed you God of the Universe??? All you have done by this insulting and biblically incorrect, spiritually unfounded & community dividing proclamation - is this.....You have made you and your supporters the laughing stock of this country.

Yes - my family includes intact heterosexual families (apparently some of them do still exist....if you look hard enough) and only one or two of them lay claim to a personal commitment to christianity - there are blended heterosexual units, there are same sex family units- with children.....heck, we have some single parents too (gasp!!) We also have a diverse spiritual mix- Jews, Buddhists, Christians, and a few who

claim no real relationship with any organized faith.

Yet by your words you have told them that they are UNFIT to be respected as parents and citizens. That my friend is the height of arrogance, rudness and plain stupidity- as a politcal move you have gained some support - but lost much more.

I believe my grandmother would say " you have cut off you rnsoe to spite your face.."

Either way.....I take solice in knowing this.....in 25 years or 30 years...when people of your ideoligical ilk are relegated to the scrap heap of mainstream society....viewed by most rational human beings as " wing nuts", " fruits & flakes..." - my child and the children of our family - all of whom were raised in what you deem unsuitable families....will be the one's sitting in postions of power. Positions that will be deciding whether you go to a badly funded old peoples home, or not, or how much medicare you really do need.....and then they will remember...just who said what about their familes.....and prayfully - they will decide accordingly.

In PRIDE,

28(1) Personal

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; Fred Clipsham
Date: 6/13/01 12:03pm
Subject: Re: Time for reconsideration

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06/06/01 03:53pm >>>

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cc: Fred Clipsham, Councillor, Ward 3

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Carol Edwards - Re: Time for reconsideration

From: 28(1) Personal
To: Carol Edwards <CEDWARDS@cityregina.com>
Date: 13/Jun/2001 12:35 PM
Subject: Re: Time for reconsideration
CC: <fclipsha@cityregina.com>

Dear Ms Edwards,

The Mayor's and the City Solicitor's inability to see that signing the proclamation is wrong is a slap in the face to the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. The proclamation clearly violates the latter two of the guidelines you quote. There is nothing wrong with City Council's Procedure Bylaw. It is fine as it is. But, as I indicated in my earlier correspondence, the Mayor is not sufficiently educated in matters of social justice and he therefore incorrectly interpreted the proclamation.

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05/23/01 09:35am >>>

From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City of Regina
WEBMASTER
Date: 4/4/01 12:20pm
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>>> 28(1) 03/28/01 12:21pm >>>

Name: 28(1) Personal
Address: 28(1)
PostalCode: 28(1)
HomePhone: 28(1)
WorkPhone:

Fax:
Email: [28\(1\) Personal](#)

Time to Call: Anytime

Contact by : E-Mail

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To: 28(1) Personal
City Central Help
Date: 6/4/01 10:43am
Subject: Re: Mayor Pat Fiacco

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>>> City Regina web site 28(1) Personal

> 05/30/01 11:01pm >>>

Name is 28(1) Personal
Email is

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From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal nternet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/13/01 1:05pm
Subject: Re: Shame.

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06/11/01 06:58pm >>>

Hey there, Pat Fiacco, how are you doing? I'm pretty good, although I would be better if you weren't in power. Your recent proclamation about June 18th being heterosexual family pride day is almost an abomination, to God, to scientists and to decent civilians. There is only one line in the bible that states that homosexuality is a sin, but that was in the book of Ivticus, and this particular parchment put more time into explaining why people shouldn't wear make up than it did on homosexuality being wrong. Also, prevailing themes in the bible are that of acceptance (love thy nieghbour) and impartiality (judge not lest ye be judged), so any religious connotations should be eliminated from this proclamation. As for the scientific research, yes studies show that heteosexual families are functual, but studies also show homosexual

families are functional, besides as Mr. Isreali said: "There are three types of lies, lies, damn lies and statistics", your "research" is a perfect example of this. As for the benefits of society, it is completely ridiculous to believe that homosexuals do not contribute to society, they do, and very well, and should be recognized for it. And finally, if all this wasn't bad enough, you had to throw in the little bit about STD's. If two gay people were married, they would not be cheating either, and 30% of males will cheat on their wives anyway, so that proclamation is completely irrelevant.

As mayor of Regina, you are representing a large group of people. And by declaring a day like this, which so blatantly singles out homosexuals, you are basically portraying an image of intolerance on behalf of your entire city. The Canadian law recognizes homosexuals, it is high time you should too. And honestly, how hard would it be to have family pride day, without the heterosexual tag. If a family is functional, and the offspring are growing to be constructive members of society, what sex the parents are should not matter, hell, if a monkey and a polar bear can raise a healthy child they deserve to be recognised as well. You stated that some of the issues surrounding this, you don't share the same opinion, should that not be enough for you to stop this discrimination. As Hurricane Carter said when he came to speak in my city a little while ago, "Gays are Canada's niggers." and I find it hard to believe anyone would still be attributing to something as petty as discrimination, especially someone in a position of power.

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From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/13/01 12:01pm
Subject: Re: HeteroSexual Parade
28(1)
Dear

Mayor Fiacco received your e-mail correspondence regarding the Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation. On his behalf, I wanted to provide you with some background on this proclamation, and let you know that Mayor Fiacco has recently also proclaimed "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:

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. 06/06/01 12:03pm >>>

Dear Mayor Fiacco,

I am not part of your community but I feel that what you are doing (The Heterosexual Family Pride Day) is wrong. I agree with many of the aspects of the reasoning for this day but at the same time I feel that this in some way depicts homosexual living and homosexual life styles as wrong or dirty. I find this to be a slap in the face to myself and people like me. The way you put things makes it clear you feel as though homosexuals are diseased, lustful individuals incapable of a monogamous and loving relationship. I agree that heterosexual families can be great places to raise children and find emotional and sexual satisfaction but at the same time I have witnessed the opposite on to many occasions. I think this parade will help to

strengthen many stereo types that people have towards gay people while the battle for respect and equity is being fought by decent homosexuals such as myself. I think you could make this a great event by making it a strong family pride day since I realize that only a strong family can raise someone who is different. Without my parents' monogamous, supportive, family oriented marriage I would not be the person I am today. I don't feel its fair or wise to make people who are already a target and in the minority and even bigger target. Thank you for your time, and good luck on making the right decision, (ask Jesus).

Sincerely,

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From: Carol Edwards
To: 28(1) Personal '.Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1
Date: 6/13/01 12:07pm
Subject: Re: Inquiry

Mayor Fiacco received your e-mail correspondence inquiring about a parade for "Heterosexual Family Pride Day".

On his behalf, I wanted to advise you that any advertising, promotion or events associated with proclamations are the responsibility of the organization who requested the proclamation. We do not have any information regarding a parade.

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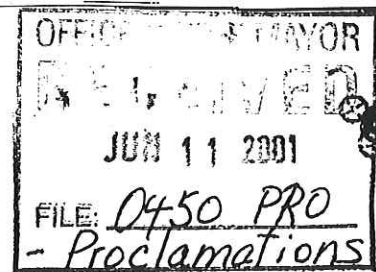
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With regard to "HETEROSEXUAL FAMILY PRIDE DAY", will there be a parade?

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Demonstrate!



Mayor Pat Fiacco's city clerk phoned Bill Whatcott of the Christian Truth Activists about 2 weeks ago to cancel a June. 14th photo op with the Leader Post photographer for our Heterosexual Family Pride proclamation. The reason given was that the mayor was not well enough to be present. We took him at his word and decided not to press the issue. However, it does appear the mayor was able to be present at the Regina mosaic, to do a photo op for the media at a toxic dump that has been reopened to the public and various other public engagements. We called city hall on Thursday, June. 7th to let the mayor know this was unacceptable and that we expected to be treated the same as everyone else when it comes to photo ops for proclamations. City Hall has ignored us, so we are now taking to the streets to let Regina know that proclamations affirming the heterosexual family must be treated with the same respect as all other proclamations. We also find it insulting that we would be lied to, so that the mayor would not have to be in a photo that some people consider politically incorrect, but that does represent the views of a large number of Reginans none the less.

Our demonstration exposing this hypocrisy will be held at:

**Regina City Hall
Thursday June. 14/ 2001
2:00 PM**

For more info contact: Bill Whatcott: 306-949-0818

or

Dianne Richardson: 306-596-0848

Psalm 25:5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.