

**Carol Edwards - Re: Please forward this to pro family activists and encourageour mayor to be fair!**

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**From:** 28(1) Personal  
**To:** "Carol Edwards" <CEDWARDS@cityregina.com>  
**Date:** 21/May/2001 1:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please forward this to pro family activists and encourageour mayor to be fair!

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**From:** Carol Edwards <CEDWARDS@cityregina.com>  
**To:** 28(1) Personal  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2001 5:43 PM  
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**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 5/22/01 9:11am  
**Subject:** Re: Please forward this to pro family activists and encourage our mayor to be fair!

Hi 28(1)

Thanks for following up. I have forwarded your response to Mayor Fiocco for his information.

Carol.

>>> 28(1) Personal 05/21/01 01:18pm >>>

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>>>28(1) Personal 05/11/01 05:39am >>>  
 News - Issues: Heterosexual Family Pride Day in ReginaDear Mayor Pat Fiacco:

I can fully underscore your statement in your proclamation,

But you are not the mayor of only the heterosexuals.

I fully agree also with David, you are the mayor of all your people.

You are becoming undemocratic and select your preferences.  
 The statement of David I left on his letter, I fully endorse.

Please cancel your proclamation and save yourself lots of trouble for the future.

You may not discriminate as Mayor. So in the future you will also as mayor have to proclaim a gay pride parade.

You are setting yourself up against many of your people you suppose to deal with as citizen, fairly, all on an equal basis.

We live in a multy cultural society, and have to respect every one's private convictions.

Do like the Mayor of London did. She cancelled all pride parades. She stepped down as Mayor and was elected in again.

Any and all Christian Churches should come out with your proclamation. They have a stated principle they live by. Wake the sleeping giant.

As citizen you can do a lot more than as Mayor. You have to know your place as Mayor of your City.

<http://www.cangay.com/news/issues/regina.htm>

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Issues:

Heterosexual Family Pride Day in Regina

The mayor of Regina has declared June 18 "Heterosexual Family Pride Day"

(the proclamation)

Gay Jews Take on a Canadian Mayor

WASHINGTON, April 23, 2001

"As a leader and a very public figure, you have a very important role in leading the community of Regina on a journey towards mutual respect and understanding," - wrote Cherkasov. "And in a modern society that is as culturally and religiously diverse as is ours, that journey includes -as you certainly know - not enforcing one tradition on everyone else, but learning

This disturbing development was sent on by David Fernandez

The mayor of Regina has declared June 18 "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" and the resolution is both laughable and frightening. I encourage you all to let the good mayor know how you feel about this.

Here is Mayor Pat Fiacco's email: [pfiacco@cityregina.com](mailto:pfiacco@cityregina.com)

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

WHEREAS large bodies of research support the conclusion that intact heterosexual families provide an excellent nurturing environment for children; and

WHEREAS many believe that intact heterosexual families provide a necessary source of stability that benefits society as a whole; and

WHEREAS intact heterosexual family units provide much needed stability and moral direction for children and young adults; and

WHEREAS intact heterosexual families provide sexual satisfaction for the men and women who are committed to them; and

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

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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 10:46am  
**Subject:** Re: Heterosexual Family Pride Day

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

05/31/01 11:17pm >>>

Dear Sir or Madam:

CBC radio reported on May 30 that the City had not received a single email in support of the Heterosexual Family Pride Day proclamation.

For the record, here's one.

I will not comment further on the issue except to say that the City made the 'proper' decision (not that it really had a choice) when put in what it probably considered to be a delicate situation. I fully support your decision, the strong but inoffensive wording of the Proclamation, and the principles behind the Proclamation.

Thank you for your time.

28(1) Personal

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 6/13/01 12:29pm  
**Subject:** Re: Heterosexual Pride Proclamation

Dear 28(1)

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>>> 28(1) Personal . 05/25/01 03:07pm >>>  
Dear Mayor:

I had the opportunity today to read your "Heterosexual Pride" proclamation, and I must say that I am insulted and disgusted. The wording is strong and inflammatory. Regardless of who wrote it, you signed it. The proclamation suggests that only homosexuals can get AIDS or other STDs and that homosexuals are promiscuous. That is just ridiculous.

I'm glad this comes at a time when I am planning a vacation. I have been to your charming city and was planning on coming back. This is not possible now ofcourse, my dollars only go to places and organizations that are tolerant. I realize that Regina issues gay pride proclamation, but when have one of those proclamations insulted anyone? Thank you for your time. I look forward to

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your response.

Sincerely,  
28(1) Personal

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** ".Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help  
**Date:** 6/4/01 10:45am  
**Subject:** Re: Support for Family Pride Day

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 05/31/01 07:58am >>>

Mr. Pat Fiacco  
Mayor of Regina,

Mr. Fiacco,

Congratulations on having declared Family Pride Day.  
I take it you are getting some heat from some fringe groups about this. Please rest assured that we support your initiative.

Sincerely,

28(1) Personal

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**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** Internet28(1) Personal  
**Date:** 6/4/01 4:55pm  
**Subject:** Re: FW: heterosexual family day

Dear28(1)

Tourism Regina forwarded a copy of your e-mail correspondence regarding the Heterosexual Family Pride Day proclamation. Mayor Fiacco has also received your e-mail correspondence and on his behalf, I wanted to provide you with some background on this proclamation, and let you know that the Mayor has recently also proclaimed "Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Pride Week" in June, as has been done for the last several years:

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>>> Colleen Toth <[colleen.toth@tourismregina.com](mailto:colleen.toth@tourismregina.com)> 06/04/01 04:20pm >>>

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

From: 28(1) Personal  
 Sent: Saturday, June 02, 2001 4:58 PM  
 To: [info@tourismregina.com](mailto:info@tourismregina.com)  
 Subject: heterosexual family day

It is a shame that a country as wonderful as Canada should be bleamished with the darkness of ignorance and bigotry. I have once been a resident of Regina find myself thanking my lucky stars to no longer be a local. Mayor Fiacco is an embarresment to any government office and to his

city. A true leader represents all its citizens, embracing man, woman, child, regardless of colour, religion, or sexual orientation. A true leader shares his dream of a stronger community for everyone, not just for his own chosen few. If Mayor Fiacco was any kind of a person he would step down and let a true leader remove the blemish he has created for all the good people in Regina. Until he steps down, I will no longer, nor my family, return to Regina. There are beautiful towns, cities in Canada to visit this summer so why would good decent folk waste their time and money on seeing an eye sore.



**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal  
**WEBMASTER**  
**Date:** 5/9/01 9:44am  
**Subject:** Re: Other

Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City of Regina

Hi 28(1)

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence inquiring about proclamations. I wanted to clarify that Mayor Fiocco signed a proclamation for "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" in Regina, rather than "Intact Monogamous Heterosexual Family Fun Day", as noted in your e-mail. As requested, I am forwarding a copy of the proclamation for the International Day for the Elimination of Racism. So far this year, we have issued close to 40 proclamations but we have not received a request for a women's day proclamation. Since you are writing an article, I also wanted to provide you with some additional information regarding our process for proclamations.

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>>> City of Regina WEBMASTER 05/07/01 08:27am >>>

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

>>> 28(1) Personal 05/06/01 01:38pm >>>

Name 28(1) Personal  
Address: 28(1)  
PostalCode: 28(1)  
HomePhone: 28(1)  
WorkPhone: N/A  
Fax:  
Email: 28(1) Personal

TimetoCall: Evening

Contact by : E\_Mail

I am writing an article for \"Minus 20\" regarding \"Intact Monogamous Heterosexual Family Fun Day.\" I have a copy of the proclamation issued by the city in regards to this day and would be curious to see similar proclamations for other such days (i.e. International Day for the Elimination of Racism or International Women's Day). Any other information that might pertain to this topic would also be appreciated.

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 5/25/01 12:52pm  
**Subject:** Re: Heterosexual Pride Day

28(1)  
Hello again

I apologize for the abbreviated e-mail you received from me yesterday - thanks for responding to let me know. I think I was trying to do too many things at once. Anyhow, 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 he also will be proclaiming "Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Pride Week" in June, as has been done for the last several years in Regina.

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>>> 28(1) Personal 05/24/01 03:18am >>>

Was that really necessary? I've never been to Regina, but now I definately would never want to go.

28(1) Personal

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help  
**Date:** 6/4/01 10:37am  
**Subject:** Re: Please do not change your Heterosexual Family Pride Day 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 10:42am >>>

As a resident in BC I was incensed by how intolerant the homosexual community toward anything heterosexual and religious. They can do anything they want to promote their ideology including silencing other voices. Already they have annual Gay Pride Parade in San Francisco in which they dress as and humiliate Catholic nuns. Now they make so much noise when the religious message of traditional family value is proclaimed in Regina! It seems like they are in charge politically and they rule over us.

If you change the theme under their intense political pressure, it will be taken as reverse discrimination against the heterosexual and religious community and as a member of this community, I believe I reserve the right to file a complain to the human right commission.

Please be reminded that we are still the overwhelming majority.



**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 6/13/01 12:51pm  
**Subject:** Re: comment

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>>> 28(1) Personal

06/12/01 05:02am >>>

Dear Mr. Fiacco,

I am a human rights advocate in Alberta and I would like to voice how appalled I am that you would proclaim a heterosexual pride day. The gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered (GLBT) communities have a Pride Day to find a sense of community in a society that is homophobic and heterosexist. GLBT communities still do not have the same rights as heterosexual individuals and that is why a Pride Day is necessary. Heterosexual Pride Day is EVERY day in Canada - you know it when you see an opposite sex couple holding hands in public, getting married under Canadian law or adopting their opposite sex partner's children. Every

day heterosexuality is celebrated and therefore making one day a special day for heterosexual pride is a slap in the face against GLBT individuals. It is a reminder that Gay Pride is still necessary to stem the tide of heterosexism. Despite the statement that you do not necessarily agree with the proclamation, the very fact that you have signed it promotes human rights abuses and homophobia.

GLBT people exist and we are more and more coming out and standing by our allies. You will find that buckling to those constituents who are homophobic will only make you a leader of the past and not the future. Move forward and get to know your GLBT constituents.

Sincerely,

28(1) Personal

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 6/13/01 12:49pm  
**Subject:** Re: pride day

Dear 28(1) Personal

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>>> 28(1) Personal

06/11/01 09:52am >>>

Hi there,  
I'm just writing to confirm that you have declared June 18 as a heterosexual pride day. Do you have any more information on that for me?  
Thanks,

28(1) Personal



**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 5/11/01 3:27pm  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Hatred in Regina

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>>> 28(1) Personal

05/09/01 03:07pm >>>

Dear Carol:

I am writing to you in hopes of getting a reply or some acknowledgment to my original letter sent to Mayor Pat Fiacco on April 12/2001, which to date has remained unanswered.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
28(1) Personal



> -----Original Message-----  
> From: [28\(1\) Personal](#)  
> Sent: April 12, 2001 8:48 PM  
> To: [pfiacco@cityregina.com](mailto:pfiacco@cityregina.com)  
> Cc: Stevenson, Tim (Office); [mayorowen@city.vancouver.bc.ca](mailto:mayorowen@city.vancouver.bc.ca);  
> [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca); [Fry.H@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Fry.H@parl.gc.ca)  
> Subject: Hatred in Regina  
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> Dear Mayor Pat Fiacco:  
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> I am writing to you to express my disgust at your proposal of  
> proclaiming a  
> "heterosexual pride day" for Regina. What a ridiculous notion. How can  
> YOU  
> be proud of yourself when you are spewing off venom towards people in  
> the  
> name of the Lord. Whatever happened to Love Thy Neighbour?  
>  
> It shames me to think we still have people living in Canada in the 21st  
> century with your kind of bigoted attitude. Your narrow minded thinking  
> casts aspersions amongst young people in your city and drives them to  
> suicide. One can easily realize why so many youth are on drugs and  
> prostituting themselves on our streets in Vancouver as they have tried  
> to  
> run away from the likes of you.  
>  
> You must have a brain the size of a germ of wheat to have stated some of  
> these things you have.  
> How preposterous are your suppositions -- many same-sex couples have  
> stable  
> relationships, sexual satisfaction and do not risk the 'worry' about  
> STD's  
> and AIDS. Do you also think that all people with AIDS are gay? Do you  
> think only straight people practice monogamy? Do you figure all drug  
> addicts with AIDS are gay? I think not, dear Pat. You might want to do  
> a  
> little further research before you start shooting off these kind of  
> misnomers.  
>  
> Rather than open your arms to all people and nurture and love -- you are  
> choosing to cause damage to many lives. Shame on you. Not to mention  
> the  
> bad face it puts on your city.....I would think that in your position  
> you'd  
> be wanting to do all you could to PROMOTE tourism, not to deflect it.  
> Oh,  
> yes, Pat, we terrible Satanic gays do have many loonies (and then there  
> are  
> those large US greenbacks) which we love to spend while travelling. You  
> hadn't heard that? Oh, yes, Pat, savvy people even try to market us  
> directly now you know. It's amazing what's happened over the years. I  
> guess you've been hiding yourself in a barn and hadn't noticed. You  
> don't  
> have to ask the big cities, ask the mayor of Whistler B.C. who puts on a  
> fabulously good time week of skiing for Gay tourists and the revenues

> just  
> pour in. It's too bad for your city that we would prefer to spend those  
> \$  
> in places where we feel comfortable and welcomed rather than in what  
> could  
> be called a third world nation mentality. People worry about keeping  
> those  
> religious zealots from down south away from our borders.....HA.....we  
> already obviously have them in our midst.  
>  
> I can only hope that the people of your city will see you for what you  
> are,  
> and you will go the way of "Dr. Laura" spewing hatred on the airwaves in  
> Canada.  
>  
> p.s. -- A response would be appreciated as it did take me time to  
> compose  
> this. Thanks !  
> That would be the Christian thing to do, would it not?  
>  
> Yours sincerely,  
>  
> A Proud Gay Canadian  
> (& thankfully born and raised by LOVING straight parents, who accepted  
> me  
> for me rather than hating me for something they misinterpreted from a  
> book,  
> in Vancouver)

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> For those on CC or BCC, attached below is the copy of Regina's  
> proclamation:

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#### 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  
> WHEREAS large bodies of research support the conclusion that intact  
> heterosexual families provide an excellent nurturing environment for  
> children; and  
> WHEREAS many believe that intact heterosexual families provide a  
> necessary source of stability that benefits society as a whole; and  
> WHEREAS intact heterosexual family units provide much needed stability  
> and moral direction for children and young adults; and  
> WHEREAS intact heterosexual families provide sexual satisfaction for the  
> men and women who are committed to them; and  
> 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.

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet,Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City  
Central Help  
**Date:** 6/4/01 10:40am  
**Subject:** Re: Comments for Mayor

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 01:20pm >>>  
Mr. Fiacco,

Having noticed that the Leader Post found it front page news you received an e-mail from a man in Florida who disagrees with heterosexual family pride day, I thought I'd add an alternate viewpoint from here at home. I congratulate you for having the even-mindedness to recognize that people are still entitled to take pride in their relationships even if they are not homosexual. How very strange that some would deny others the privileges that they expect for themselves. Those who would call heterosexual pride "hateful" and "bigoted" while supporting gay/lesbian pride certainly seem determined to be contentious.

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**Date:** 6/4/01 4:49pm  
**Subject:** Re: A perfect reflection of a terrific city?

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Please let us know if you require any further information.

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>>> 28(1) Personal

06/04/01 02:05pm >>>

Dear Mayor Fiacco:

I grew up in Regina and left Regina for university to complete a bachelor and post-graduate degree. Upon graduation, I felt that Regina did not offer me the research and employment opportunities that I could elsewhere, namely in the US. Yes, I am yet another young, well-educated person leaving Saskatchewan. However, I love my hometown and home province having always said that I would love to return to raise my family. I value the small city atmosphere, the slower pace of life and the friendliness of its citizens.

I have always been proud of Regina. That is until read about your

proclamation of June 18 as Heterosexual Family Pride Day. The family that I would wish to raise in a quiet, safe city would be an alternative one: It would be a family with children of course, but with two wives. It would certainly be monogamous and satisfying relationship. I pray that it would be stable environment where my children would feel secure and loved. I would certainly provide sound moral direction for my children – who wouldn't? What my family could contribute to your city would be an understanding and acceptance of all people. My mind, like my children's, would be open to wonders of giving and sharing with all people regardless of sexual orientation, race, or religion.

Sir, with your proclamation, I do not feel welcome in my home. You have signed a document that is riddled with hate and fear, rather than respect and acceptance. Regina, the city that I have so proudly defended and represented on so many occasions, now brings me shame and sadness. I owe this to you, Mr. Mayor.

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**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 6/13/01 12:42pm  
**Subject:** To Mayor Fiacco -- Re: Heterosexual Family Pride Day

Dear 28(1)

I just sent you an e-mail in response to your e-mail to the Mayor regarding the above proclamation. I have been responding to a number of e-mails on his behalf. After I sent you the e-mail, I realized that the last paragraph was sent in error. If you received it, please disregard that paragraph. This is what the rest of my e-mail said:

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06/08/01 01:42pm >>>

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