

**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal  
**Date:** 6/13/01 12:09pm  
**Subject:** Re: Heterosexual Family Pride Day

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>>> 28(1) 06/06/01 10:12pm >>>

How can a man who claims to be educated come up with something like this? This "holiday" is not promoting understanding, or acceptance. You're showing your constituents that you are not open to the lifestyles of the people you represent. You choose to ignore the people who happen to believe things differently than you do. This "holiday" will only lead to more discrimination and possibly violence against homosexuals. I ask you to reconsider what you are doing and think of the possible consequences.

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**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal  
**WEBMASTER**  
**Date:** 4/4/01 5:40pm  
**Subject:** Re: Other

Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City of Regina

Hello 28(1)

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence of March 28th inquiring about the "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation. Mayor Fiacco has signed a proclamation for this day and I wish to provide you with some background information on this subject.

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I hope this clarifies the background on our process for proclamations. Thank you for taking the time to write.

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>>> City of Regina WEBMASTER 03/28/01 01:03pm >>>

Thank you for visiting the City of Regina website. Your inquiry has been forwarded to Carol Edwards, City Clerks Office for a response.

>>> 28(1) Personal 03/28/01 11:38am >>>

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I wonder if the following is real or an internet hoax?

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. And I encourage you to tell as many others as possible!

FYI, here's 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



**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 6/4/01 2:30pm  
**Subject:** Re: concern

Dear 28(1)

I received your e-mail regarding your concerns about the Heterosexual Family Pride Day proclamation on April 5th. I thought I had responded to your e-mail; however, when I reviewed my records, it appears that I did not. I apologize for the delay in responding.

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>>> 28(1) Personal

04/06/01 03:48am >>>

Dear Madam, I am writing this letter to express my concern and dismay at the wording of your recent "Heterosexual Family Pride Day" proclamation. My concern is over the use of the word "pride" but more importantly the emphasis on "heterosexual". The use of the word "pride" bothers me personally, because I closely associate it with the feeling one has in overcoming adversity to take one's rightful place as a person worthy of respect in society. As I said, a personal bias. Inflammatory statements in the proclamation? I would think so. To me, it seems obvious that the statements emphasizing the words "heterosexual" throughout this proclamation are being used with the intent to proclaim a moral superiority

over other families. This is just wrong. I would go so far as to say, in my opinion, this proclamation exhibits a self-righteous attitude. The proclamation goes on to state many generalities about these heterosexual families. Wording such as "many believe", "large bodies of research", and "intact", seem to be trying to convince us, of what? That these are the family units which "provide much needed stability and moral direction", "sexual satisfaction"? And what does it mean to be "intact"? Many heterosexual families are dysfunctional in one way or another. At what point are they no longer intact? So what is the purpose of this proclamation? To proclaim a "Family Day" is a wonderful thing. To recognize the importance of a loving, nurturing family unit is admirable. By repeatedly using the word "heterosexual" while recognizing the importance of families, the proclamation excludes many, many families: single mothers, single fathers, and of course, gay and lesbian couples with children. As a gay father of two daughters, aged 20 and 16, I have struggled for years to accept myself. Undoubtedly this has made me somewhat sensitive to the wording of such a document. By its very wording, this document sets out to judge mine, and other families once more! An apology is owed to all families! Yours truly <sup>28(1)</sup> Personal

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**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1  
**Date:** 5/23/01 1:47pm  
**Subject:** Re: heterosexual family pride day

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>>> 28(1) Personal . 05/23/01 11:30am >>>  
Mayor Fiacco,

I am writing in response to your newly-proclaimed Heterosexual Family Pride Day. I recognize and applaud your efforts to unite your community in a common goal against STD's, AIDS, broken hearts.

I admire your intention to better society by improving the family (I also came from a strong family). Too many people come from broken homes where they did not feel safe and could not grow to their full potential.

While recognizing your free will to choose your own path, I urge you to recognize homosexual families in your community as well...



WHEREAS we live in a nation that validates and celebrates a multireligious people; and  
WHEREAS exclusive heterosexually-minded communities make it difficult for homosexual family units (which will exist, whether encouraged or not encouraged) to nurture their children through their discrimination and humiliation/exclusion practices therefore hurting the child which could become a member of your heterosexual community; and  
WHEREAS many homosexual people are committed in heterosexual relationships and must hide their true feelings from their spouses, friends, and communities; and  
WHEREAS many believe that a loving relationship creates a more stable community than one of deceit; and WHEREAS intact family units, whether homosexual or heterosexual provide much needed stability and moral direction for children and young adults as long as the parents are moral and stable people; and  
WHEREAS intact heterosexual families provide sexual satisfaction for the men and women who are committed to them, inas all of the abovementioned people are heterosexual; and  
WHEREAS when monogamy is practiced, whether between a homosexual or heterosexual couple, the people involved have no reason to worry about STD• s, AIDS or broken hearts.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Carol Edwards  
**To:** 28(1) Personal .Internet.Regina Groupwise Domain1; City Central Help City Central Help  
**Date:** 5/25/01 1:29pm  
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>>> 28(1) Personal > 05/25/01 12:29pm >>>

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Comments are I had the opportunity to read your proclamation regarding heterosexually oriented families. I find it odd that you would surrender the egalitarian qualities that led you to public office and bang such an intolerant and partisan drum. I presume that some desperation inspired such a poor choice of action.