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**Governor Nikki Haley**  
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**Dear Governor Nikki Haley**

Throughout our history, few great leaders have stood the test of time and continued to influence future generations of Americans. Ronald Reagan stands as one of the most influential presidents of our great nation, touching the hearts and lives of millions. When he finally succumbed to illness on June 5, 2004, the nation mourned the passing of a national hero.

**Now in honor of the 105th anniversary of his birthday, the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project is asking all 50 governors to enact proclamations declaring, February 6, 2016, "Ronald Reagan Day."**

Reagan boldly accepted the helm of a country plagued by disillusionment and inspired a renewed optimism in the weary American people. His defense policies brought about the demise of the Soviet Union, opening the gate to freedom for hundreds of millions of people around the world. America overwhelmingly voiced approval of his leadership when 49 of the 50 states reelected him in 1984.

Thanks to Ronald Reagan's economic policies, our nation flourished in one of the longest economic expansions in American history. Although his vision of a less intrusive government was considered revolutionary at the time, Reagan's strong belief in the power and ability of individuals revitalized the American spirit.

There are those who do not fully appreciate the impact of Reagan's achievements; a proclamation in your state can help millions learn of the legacy of our nation's 40th president. Americans deserve the chance to understand the tremendous bequest of one of our nation's greatest leaders in history.

**Last year, 35 governors proclaimed February 6th as "Ronald Reagan Day."** Five of the governors making this proclamation were Democrats who set aside partisanship to honor this great man. Each year since his passing it becomes increasingly important to preserve his legacy against the fading efforts of time.



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## Proclamation to recognize February 6 as “Ronald Reagan Day” in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, Union leader, corporate spokesman, governor of California and president of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40<sup>th</sup> president of the United States of America; the second of which he earned the confidence of 3/5 of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election – a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reagan’s commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation’s children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, President Reagan’s commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America’s Armed Forces to meet 21st century challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, President Reagan’s vision of “peace through strength” led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and

**WHEREAS**, February 6, 2016 will be the 105th anniversary of Ronald Reagan’s birth and the twelfth since his passing;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I \_\_\_\_\_, Governor of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim February 6th, 2016 to be

**RONALD REAGAN DAY IN \_\_\_\_\_.**

And urge the citizens of the state to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

*For more information on this draft resolution or to obtain an electronic version, contact the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project at (202) 785-0266.*