



KENTUCKY YMCA DAY

March 1st, 2015

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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Kentucky YMCA Youth Association
www.kyymca.org

"I am excited to congratulate the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association on its 125th Anniversary, and wish all of its students, teachers, volunteers, and families a Happy Kentucky YMCA Day!

Since March 1st, 1890, the Y has given youth across Kentucky the opportunity to serve their communities, Commonwealth, nation, and world. Through YMCA Youth and Government programs like the Kentucky Youth Assembly and Kentucky United Nations Assembly, thousands of our students become better servant leaders and help shape the future of our state each and every year.

I encourage all members of the Y family here in Kentucky to continue that legacy on this March 1st – and on many to come – by joining together in the spirit of service to your communities.

Thank you to the staff, volunteers and teachers who've made Kentucky the home of the largest YMCA Youth and Government programs in the country, and thank you to our students, who inspire and remind us that democracy must be learned by each generation. Have a terrific Kentucky YMCA Day!"

Governor Steve Beshear

JOIN THE CELEBRATION

We are excited to celebrate the first-ever Kentucky YMCA Day with all of our students, families, teachers, schools, and communities around the Commonwealth! In honor of our 125-year legacy of service across the state, we invite you to join in the celebration in two ways:

1. Draft a Proclamation

Using the Proclamation Template available on the back page of this flyer as your guide, draft a Kentucky YMCA Day Proclamation for your own town, city, or county, and arrange for it to be sponsored by a local public official! This is a great way to advocate for the Y while celebrating our legacy and the impact made by the YMCA in your local community.

To sign-up to draft a proclamation, visit our Kentucky YMCA Day webpage – where you'll also find an editable version of our Proclamation Template:

www.kyymca.org/kyymcaday

2. Host or Attend a Service Celebration

We're also excited to establish Kentucky YMCA Day as an annual Day of Service that we can continue to celebrate for years to come. You can help by hosting or attending a service project in your local community! Whether you're serving with your Student Y, members of your local YMCA, alumni of our programs, or members of the community that you're meeting for the first time, service is the best way to bring your community together, just as the Y has for 125 years.

To host or attend a service celebration in your community, sign-up at our Kentucky YMCA Day webpage and we'll share your event with our entire Y community!

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PROCLAMATION TEMPLATE

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Requestor's Name: Your Name

Organization: Kentucky YMCA Youth Association & Your High School/YMCA

Phone Number(s): Your Phone #

E-mail Address: Your Email Address

Proclamation Purpose: Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Kentucky YMCA by recognizing March 1st as Kentucky YMCA Day in (Your County/City)

Suggested Title: Kentucky YMCA Day

Date of Proclamation: March 1, 2015

Proclamation Text:

WHEREAS on March 1st, 1890, the Kentucky YMCA was incorporated by an act of the Kentucky General Assembly; and

WHEREAS for 125 years, the Y has supported families and communities across our Commonwealth through programs that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility and build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all; and

WHEREAS 19 YMCA Associations throughout Kentucky proudly serve more than 367,100 individuals, including 160,000 children and youth as well as 32,700 seniors, and provide nearly \$7 million in financial assistance for families to participate in YMCA programs and membership; and

WHEREAS YMCAs mobilize almost 8,300 Kentuckians each year to volunteer and serve their local communities, including over 100 students in our Y-Corps service learning program who collectively perform over 1,500 hours of service; and

WHEREAS the Kentucky YMCA is home to the largest YMCA Youth and Government program in the country, providing thousands of middle school, high school, and college-aged students the opportunity to become better servant leaders and engaged citizens through our Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) and Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA); and

WHEREAS (Your County/City Name) is proud to be home to (#) Student YMCAs and KYA/KUNA Delegations with (#) student members, including (Your High School); and

WHEREAS the mission of the Kentucky YMCA - to develop engaged citizens and servant leaders, inspired to affect change in their school, community, Commonwealth, nation, and world - has and will continue to shape the future of our (County/City) and state;

THEREFORE, I, (Public Official's Name), (Position/Title) of (County/City), hereby declare March 1st, 2015 as Kentucky YMCA Day and encourage its observance.