

By Senator Mitchell

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Children's Day; amending s. 683.17, F.S.; changing the designated day for the celebration of Children's Day; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature intends that Florida Children's Day become the model for a National Children's Day, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 683.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

683.17 Children's Day.--The first Sunday ~~second Tuesday~~ in April of each year is designated as Children's Day. On this day local communities and families, together with public officials, schools, private organizations, and all citizens, are encouraged to celebrate the life and blessing of Florida's children with love, respect, gratitude, and encouragement; both to acknowledge our Florida's children as the resource giving our state ~~it~~ the greatest hope of future excellence; to listen to children and to reaffirm our shared their commitment to help Florida's children develop their unique qualities, strengths, and potential, resulting in greater productive capacity and enlightened citizenship; and to observe this day with appropriate activities, ceremonies, and programs. All citizens of the state are encouraged to wear a white ribbon which shall indicate that our children are considered to be special gifts and are valued for their part in the circle of life.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Changes the designated day for the celebration of
Children's Day.