HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4618, by Representatives Pearson, Berkey and Hankins

WHEREAS, The people of the state of Washington celebrate children as one of the most precious blessings our nation has ever been given; and

WHEREAS, Children are the future of the state of Washington and it is our duty and privilege to instill in them the faith, hope, charity, and integrity they need to continue the legacy of freedom, peace, and prosperity we have inherited from those who came before us; and

WHEREAS, The children of the state of Washington should be cherished and given a positive and secure environment that can help develop their talents, temperament, minds, and character; and

WHEREAS, The children of the state of Washington should know that their ideas and dreams are valued and respected because we take time to listen and encourage; and

WHEREAS, Children are the responsibility of their parents and all the citizens of the state of Washington should help them by setting an example of what it means to be a good neighbor, law-abiding citizen, productive worker, and helpful friend; and

WHEREAS, The children of the state of Washington should have access to quality education, wholesome recreation, and a safe community; and

WHEREAS, The state has designated the second Sunday in October to commemorate the children of the state of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all the citizens of Washington to celebrate children on Children's Day and throughout the year by spending more quality time with children and emphasizing their special place in our lives.

> I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4618 adopted by the House of Representatives February 19, 2001.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk