

Chapters Instrumental in Gaining NPW Government Proclamations

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One of the best ways to gain national recognition (not to mention political attention) for National Payroll Week® is to receive an official proclamation from a local, state, or national government body. A proclamation is defined as “an official formal public announcement,” which to the American Payroll Association means a signed document from a governing body establishing a period of time to recognize NPW.

The most active of APA members—those who also belong to local APA chapters—are often the biggest proponents of NPW. They also happen to be the most successful in obtaining proclamations and spreading the NPW message.

How to Acquire a Proclamation

Typically, as it relates to National Payroll Week, local chapters ask local, state, and national officials to recognize the vital tax contributions made through the payroll withholding system and the payroll professionals who ensure the process is carried through.

The process of receiving a proclamation should begin with a carefully structured plan. Government actions take a lot of time. Requests for proclamations should be made several months in advance. In the case of local chapters, your government liaison officer (GLO) should be assigned as the primary representative to interact with government officials.



Above: Dallas Chapter members Jackie Carroll, CPP, and Terri Watkins, CPP, show their proclamations. Right: Denver Chapter's proclamations.



If there is not a GLO, assign a member who is employed by a government agency. Their connections may also help to speed up the process.

You should begin by visiting the Web site of the government branch you intend to contact. A proclamation process may already be outlined on the local or state site to help you. If no process exists, or you are confused by the available information, contact the official's office (mayor, governor, etc.) for guidance.

Proclamation Resources

APA's official NPW Web site, www.nationalpayrollweek.com,

provides resources to help you proceed. Begin requesting proclamations for 2007, today!

Most government offices will require a letter asking for specific information pertaining to the proclamation's purpose, and a sample of language for the proclamation itself. A sample letter explaining the purpose of the proclamation and an example of sample language for the actual proclamation are available on the NPW Web site under the "tools" menu.

Recognition of the hard work payroll professionals do is essential, and it is one of the most significant highlights during APA's NPW celebrations.

The 2006 NPW winners of the Government Outreach Contest are:

First Place: Rainier Chapter

(won registration to Congress and a certificate)

Second Place: Dallas Chapter

(won a registration to Preparing for Year-End class and a certificate)

Third Place: Denver Chapter

Payroll Association (won a copy of *The Payroll Source*® and a certificate)

Honorable Mention:

Chicago Chapter

2006 Proclamations

Alabama

Birmingham Payroll Association
State of Alabama, Bob Riley, Governor

Alaska

Northern Lights Chapter
Borough of Fairbanks North Star,
Jim Whitaker, Mayor
Borough of Matanuska-Susitna,
Timothy A. Anderson, Mayor
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Mark Begich, Mayor
State of Alaska,
Frank H. Murkowski, Governor

Colorado

Denver Chapter Payroll Association
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City of Denver,
John W. Hickenlooper, Mayor
City of Fort Collins,
Douglas Hutchinson, Mayor

City of Lakewood,
Stephen A. Burkholder, Mayor
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City of Loveland, Larry D. Walsh, Mayor
City of Thornton, Noel Busck, Mayor
State of Colorado, Bill Owens, Governor
State of Nebraska,
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State of New Mexico,
Bill Richardson, Governor
State of Wyoming,
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State of Connecticut,
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City of Bradenton,
Wayne Poston, Mayor
City of Sarasota, Fredd Atkins, Mayor

Georgia

Metro Atlanta Payroll Association
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State of Illinois,
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South Carolina Chapter

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