

*Proclamation of the County Board
Of
Kankakee County, Illinois*

*RE: FAMILY DAY, A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH
YOUR CHILDREN; SEPTEMBER 24, 2007*

WHEREAS, the family unit has been a pillar of American society throughout the history of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, family dinners have long constituted a substantial pillar of family life in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the use of illegal drugs, misuse of prescription drugs, abuse of alcohol and use of nicotine constitute threats to the health, safety and well being of America's children, and

WHEREAS, surveys conducted by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University have consistently found that the more often children and teenagers eat dinner with their families the less likely they are to smoke, drink and use illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, positive parental engagement with their children is known to be one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of substance abuse by teenagers; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 21, 2007, after review, discussion and consideration recommended the support of the families throughout Kankakee County by declaring September 24, 2007, to be family day and to encourage all families to share dinner as a family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Kankakee County Board that the twenty fourth day of September, 2007, shall be declared to be Family Day, A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children throughout Kankakee County, Illinois, and we urge all members of our community to recognize and participate in its observance.

Adopted and Proclaimed this 10th day of July, 2007.

Karl Kruse, County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Bruce Clark, County Clerk