



Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Support, Inc.

AMC AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION FAQ

What is a proclamation?

A proclamation is a formal public statement. It is a major statement made in front of an audience or the authoritative word on some subject. It's most often used in an official or government context. Proclamations can be created at the local, state, and federal level.

Why do I have to request a proclamation every year?

A proclamation is an official document to commemorate a specific time period (day, week, or month) for the purpose of raising awareness about an issue, or celebrating milestones. Therefore, if a proclamation has been issued in the past, a new request still needs to be requested each year.

Why is it important to obtain proclamations?

Proclamations are a great way to raise awareness within your community about Arthrogryposis. You can use the proclamation for media outreach and social media.

Where do I request proclamations from?

Municipalities include: Governor's office, Town, Cities, Boroughs, Counties or Parishes. A city or county website may list appropriate contacts.

Who do I request proclamations from?

A state Governor, Mayor, First Selectman, City Council or County Commission's office

How do I get started in obtaining a proclamation?

Email AMCSIProclamations@gmail.com to sign up for your state. We will maintain a list so our volunteers don't duplicate efforts. If there is another volunteer working on your state, we can put you in contact with them to join forces.

Most states request submission of a request 2 months prior to AMC Awareness Day, June 30, 2019.

Follow up 10 to 14 days after you submit the request.

What happens when I get the proclamation?

Share with AMCSI and the AMC community and flood the internet with photos. Don't forget to add hashtags #AMCAwareness, #arthrogryposis and #AMCAwarness2019

Write a letter, post on official Facebook and/or Twitter accounts to the mayor, governor or legislators and thank them for their support in bringing official attention to Arthrogryposis.

Thank you for all helping us making June 30, 2019 the best AMC Awareness Day ever!!

This is what we will send out and then keep track of who sends it.

What do I write? *Here is an example of what to write.*

Organization: AMC Support

Website: AMCSUPPORT.ORG

Arthrogryposis Awareness Day Proclamation

Whereas: Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a condition that causes many joints to be stiff and crooked at birth. A newborn with arthrogryposis lacks the normal range of motion in one or more joints. This condition develops prenatally and can be caused by an underlying condition or syndrome; and

Whereas: Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita is an umbrella diagnosis, meaning that it is a part of many other conditions and syndromes. There are over 400 different types of AMC of which Amyoplasia, Distal Escobar Syndrome is the most common: and

Whereas: A newborn has to have three contracted joints in two different body areas to be diagnosed with arthrogryposis. This occurs in 1 in 3,000 births; and

Whereas: Joints that can be affected by AMC include the joints in the hands, feet, hips, knees, elbows, shoulders, wrists, fingers, toes, as well as the jaw and the spine. Though all joints can be affected, some may be unaffected as no two people experience the same symptoms; and

Whereas: Though arthrogryposis is not curable, it is treatable. Treatment goals aim to allow those living with the condition as much independence in their daily lives as possible; now

Therefore: I, Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2019, as ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY in New Jersey.