

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0006

Shared parenting day.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Pearson, Hutchings, Kolb, Schuler
and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Geringer,
Heiner, Lucas, McCann and Wharff

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating April 26 of each year to be
2 shared parenting day in the state of Wyoming.

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4 WHEREAS, children are Wyoming's most important asset; and

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6 WHEREAS, statistics indicate that children raised by one
7 parent are disproportionately represented among teen
8 suicides, juveniles in state-operated institutions, students
9 who do not complete high school, children receiving treatment
10 for substance abuse, incarcerated individuals, children
11 exhibiting behavioral disorders and homeless and runaway
12 children; and

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1 WHEREAS, shared parenting is an arrangement under which
2 parents who are separated or divorced are given joint
3 decision-making authority and shared parenting time; and

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5 WHEREAS, research indicates that children benefit greatly if
6 they have a good relationship with both parents who are fit
7 caregivers; and

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9 WHEREAS, shared parenting arrangements offer children the
10 benefit of building a relationship with each parent, provide
11 parents with the opportunity to ensure the healthy mental,
12 physical and emotional development of their children and
13 create venues for parents to engage in positive,
14 collaborative efforts geared toward the well-being of their
15 children; and

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17 WHEREAS, shared parenting arrangements recognize that even
18 though the intimate relationship between the parents has
19 ended, the familial relationships continue and require
20 nurturing and cultivation to support healthy child
21 development.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
2 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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4 **Section 1.** To highlight the innumerable benefits of
5 shared parenting, the legislature of the state of Wyoming,
6 designates April 26 of each year to be shared parenting day
7 in Wyoming.

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