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## Remembering Reagan's Birthday *27 states proclaim February 6<sup>th</sup> "Ronald Reagan Day"*

**Washington, D.C.-** February 6<sup>th</sup> was honored by 27 governors across the nation, all of whom declared "Ronald Reagan Day." This day marked the 99<sup>th</sup> year since the birth of the late President, the 6<sup>th</sup> marked anniversary since his passing in 2004. The Ronald Reagan Legacy Project proudly commends the 31 governors who recognized February 6<sup>th</sup> as a day of honor in their state.

Taking the helm of a country traumatized by the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and of Martin Luther King Jr., by the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal and the Carter-induced depression, Reagan would work with Republicans and Democrats to enact a bold agenda that restored accountability and common sense to government. His economic policies of tax cuts, deregulation, free trade and choice for the American taxpayer led to an unprecedented economic expansion.

**"It is essential that Americans recognize President Reagan's legacy of economic growth and freedom from tyranny,"** said Grover Norquist, chairman of the RRLP. **"Today it is our duty to preserve the legacy of Ronald Reagan so that future generations of Americans can learn of his strength and imminent presence in history."**

### Governors who issued proclamations:

Alabama- Bob Riley (R)  
Alaska- Sean Parnell (R)  
California- Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)  
Connecticut- M. Jodi Rell (R)  
Florida- Charlie Crist (R)  
Georgia- Sonny Perdue (R)  
Idaho- C.L. "Butch" Otter (R)  
Illinois- Pat Quinn (D)  
Indiana- Mitch Daniels (R)

Iowa- Chet Culver (D)  
Maine- John Baldacci (D)  
Minnesota- Timothy Pawlenty (R)  
Mississippi- Haley Barbour (R)  
Nebraska- David Heineman (R)  
New Hampshire- John Lynch (D)  
New York- David Paterson (D)  
North Dakota- John Hoeven (R)  
Oklahoma- Brad Henry (D)

Oregon- Theodore Kulongoski (D)  
Rhode Island- Don Carcieri (R)  
South Carolina- Mark Sanford (R)  
Texas- Rick Perry (R)  
Utah- Gary Herbert (R)  
Vermont- Jim Douglas (R)  
Virginia- Bob McDonnell (R)  
West Virginia- Joe Manchin, III (D)  
Wyoming- David Freudenthal (D)

### Governors who did not issue proclamations:

Arizona – Jan Brewer (R)  
Arkansas – Mike Beebe (D)  
Colorado – Bill Ritter (D)  
Delaware – Jack Markell (D)  
Hawaii – Linda Lingle (R)  
Kansas – Kathleen Sebelius (D)  
Kentucky – Steve Beshear (D)  
Louisiana – Bobby Jindal (R)

Maryland – Martin O'Malley (D)  
Massachusetts – Deval Patrick (D)  
Michigan – Jennifer Granholm (D)  
Missouri – Jay Nixon (D)  
Montana – Brian Schweitzer (D)  
Nevada – Jim Gibbons (R)  
New Jersey – Chris Christie (R)  
New Mexico – Bill Richardson (D)

North Carolina – Beverly Perdue (D)  
Ohio – Ted Strickland (D)  
Pennsylvania – Ed Rendell (D)  
South Dakota – Mike Rounds (R)  
Tennessee – Phil Bredesen (D)  
Wisconsin – Jim Doyle (D)  
Washington – Christine Gregoire (D)

*The RRLP is committed to preserving the legacy of one of America's greatest presidents throughout the nation and abroad. Grover Norquist, chairman of the RRLP, is available for interviews regarding Ronald Reagan's legacy and the group's projects. Please contact John Kartch at (202)-785-0266 or [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).*

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