

# PROCLAMATION

## DAY OF PURITY

WHEREAS, today's youth have witnessed the negative health consequences of sexual experimentation at an early age, including staggering rates of teenage pregnancies, teenagers infected with sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and teenage abortions; and

WHEREAS, youth respond to positive peer pressure as well as negative peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, public officials must take the lead in promoting healthy lifestyles for youth; and

WHEREAS, abstinence is 100% effective, 100% of the time, in preventing out-of-wedlock births and STDs; and

WHEREAS, abstinence is free and has no harmful side effects; and

WHEREAS, young people, like everyone else, want to stay healthy and reasonably happy. They also want the freedom to choose their own futures and not to pay a hard price later for decisions made at an early age; and

WHEREAS, many of the youth of this state desire to make a public statement to show their enthusiasm and support for abstinence; and

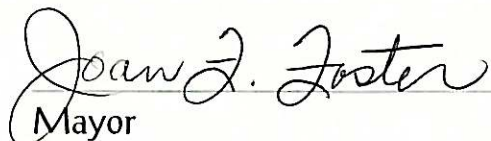
WHEREAS, the Day of Purity offers the youth an opportunity to express their support for sexual purity in mind and actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joan F. Foster, Mayor of the City of Lynchburg, Virginia, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2011

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and encourage all citizens to help raise the awareness of the benefits of abstinence.

February 14, 2011

  
Mayor