# **FASD Proclamation Templates: How to Use**

Proclamations are formal public statements or ceremonial documents that publicly recognize a cause, event, or organization. They are not legally binding, but they are official declarations that can help build awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

This resource includes two proclamation templates to support recognition of FASD Awareness Day (September 9) and FASD Awareness Month (September):

* Government Proclamation Template – Designed for use by elected officials such as mayors, premiers, or municipal leaders.
* Non-Profit Proclamation Template – Tailored for non-profit organizations, community groups, or advocacy networks to issue their own declarations in support of FASD awareness and prevention.

These events are recognized internationally to promote prevention, improve support for individuals impacted by FASD, and encourage inclusive, informed communities.

**Instructions**

* Replace all placeholders denoted by brackets [] (e.g., [City/Province], [Name of Organization], [Location]) with the relevant details.
* Feel free to adapt the wording to reflect local initiatives, programs, or goals.
* Submit the government template to your local governments (i.e. city, town, municipality, region, province) and request an official proclamation. Each jurisdiction may have its own process and timeline. A good rule of thumb is to submit requests 4–6 weeks before the event date.
* Use the non-profit version to issue your own proclamation if you're part of a community organization, advocacy group, or service provider.
* Once completed, proclamations can be read at public events, shared on social media, sent to local media, or included in newsletters and awareness campaigns.

## Government Proclamation Template

WHEREAS: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe the impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to reach their full potential. Each individual with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS: Raising public awareness about the risks of prenatal alcohol exposure is essential in preventing alcohol use during pregnancy and promoting the health and well-being of pregnant people, families, and future generations; and

WHEREAS: Individuals with FASD can thrive, contribute meaningfully to their communities, and lead fulfilling lives when provided with the appropriate accommodations and supports; and

WHEREAS: the [Government Name] recognizes the lifelong effects of FASD and is committed to supporting FASD awareness, healthy pregnancies, improving access to early diagnosis and assessment of FASD, and intervention and support for children, youth, and, adults with FASD and their families; and

WHEREAS: and

WHEREAS: International FASD Awareness Day is observed globally on September 9, 2025, and FASD Awareness Month is observed throughout September 2025 as a reminder of the importance of alcohol-free pregnancies throughout the nine months of gestation, and to encourage compassion, inclusion, and support for those impacted by FASD; and

WHEREAS: The 2025 FASD Awareness Month theme, “Everyone Plays a Part: Take Action!”, highlights the power of collective responsibility. Whether through education, advocacy, community engagement, or open conversations, every individual has a role to play in building a more inclusive and supportive community for those with FASD. Small, everyday actions collectively lead to a more informed, compassionate, and supportive community; and

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that September 2025 shall be known as

**“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month”**

and September 9, 2025, shall be known as

**“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day”**

in the [Location].

## Non-Profit Proclamation Template

WHEREAS: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe the impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to reach their full potential. Each individual with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS: [Name of Organization] is committed to increasing awareness and understanding of FASD, supporting healthy and alcohol-free pregnancies, and advocating for improved access to early diagnosis, assessment, and lifelong supports for individuals with FASD and their families; and

WHEREAS: Raising public awareness about the risks of prenatal alcohol exposure is essential in preventing alcohol-use during pregnancy and promoting the health and well-being of future generations; and

WHEREAS: Individuals with FASD, when provided with the appropriate accommodations and supports, can thrive, contribute meaningfully to their communities, and lead fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS: International FASD Awareness Day is observed globally on September 9, 2025, as a reminder of the importance of alcohol-free pregnancies throughout the nine months of gestation, and to encourage compassion, inclusion, and support for those impacted by FASD; and

WHEREAS: This year’s FASD Awareness Month theme, “Everyone Plays a Part: Take Action!”, highlights the power of collective responsibility. Whether through education, advocacy, community engagement, or open conversations, every individual has a role to play in building a more inclusive and supportive community for those with FASD;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT [Name of Organization] does hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as:

**“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month”**

and September 9, 2025, shall be known as

**“Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day”**

in the [Region/Community/Area] we serve.