



Resolution



**National Center for Missing & Exploited Children®
National Missing Children’s Day
Resolution #2014.05.12 R02**

WHEREAS, according to the most recent, comprehensive national study for the number of missing children, an estimated 800,000 children younger than 18 were reported missing¹; and

APPROXIMATELY, 58,000 of these children were victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 were the victims of family abductions²; and

WHEREAS, on average, nearly 2,000 children are reported missing to law-enforcement agencies daily³; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, help find missing children, and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them, and

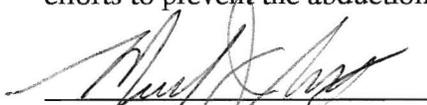
WHEREAS, National Missing Children’s Day is a special time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in partnership with NCMEC and its supporters, The Town of Blades proclaims May 25 as National Missing Children’s Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town of Blades urges local government, law enforcement, schools, and communities to take time to talk to children about personal safety and abduction prevention.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Council of the Town of Blades encourages all individuals to take 25 minutes out of their day to help children stay safer.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Town Council of the Town of Blades: That May 25, 2014, is set aside as National Missing Children’s Day as part of Town of Blades continuing efforts to prevent the abduction and sexual exploitation of children.



Mayor Michael J Smith



³ Andrea Sedlak, David Finkelhor, Heather Hammer, and Dana Schultz. “National Estimates of Missing Children: A National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children. Washington, DC: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, October 2002.