

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Blues is a uniquely American musical form that serves as the foundation of other genres including Jazz, Hip-Hop, Rock & Roll, Gospel and R&B; and,

WHEREAS, Chicago is the Blues capital of the world, the home to legendary artists and clubs, and one of the major cities from where Blues became an international sensation; and,

WHEREAS, the Blues continues to thrive in Chicago as an ever-evolving art form under such Blues greats as Fernando Jones, a guitarist, composer, and performer from the age of four and Chicago's own "Bluesman"; and,

WHEREAS, Fernando Jones's commitment to education has led to the founding of Blues Kids of America, a program aimed at the elementary, secondary, and collegiate levels created to promote, preserve, and perform the Blues; and,

WHEREAS, Blues Kids of America is hosting Blues Camp for Kids at Columbia College, a free, international camp from July 5th-9th, where children gather together for a multicultural, interdisciplinary musical experience; and,

WHEREAS, Blues Camp for Kids places youth from around the globe under the tutelage of acclaimed musicians in order to improve music literacy, while learning the importance of discipline, dedication, and teamwork; and,

WHEREAS, Blues Camp for Kids also strives to increase cultural awareness and create ties across generations and regions, culminating in a final activity on Friday, July 9, that encompasses both the musical and social goals of Blues Kids of America:

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim July 9, 2010 as **BLUES DAY** in Illinois, in recognition of Blues Kids of America and its contribution to preserving this important Chicago musical tradition.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this EIGHTH *day of* JULY, *in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
TEN, *and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-SECOND

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Blues Kids of America is an internationally recognized multicultural, interdisciplinary artist-in-residence music program founded by Fernando Jones; and

WHEREAS, Blues Kids teaches students literacy through blues music, focusing on the importance of power of discipline, teamwork and goals; and

WHEREAS, Blues Kids, in conjunction with Columbia College, offers students a variety of programs including hands-on workshops and cultural enrichment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Blues Kids of America will be holding its 2nd Annual six-day camp in Chicago from July 11-16, 2011;

WHEREAS, several kids, from ages 12-18, will attend this free program to learn about and play music in the Blues capital of the world in downtown Chicago:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim July 11-16, 2011 to be BLUES KIDS DAYS IN CHICAGO.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2011.

Mayor

IN RECOGNITION

The City Council
of the
City of Corona, California,
is proud to recognize and congratulate



"Blues Kids of America" *Corona Music Camp*

WHEREAS, The Blues Kids Foundation and Fender Center are having their 2nd annual Blues Kids Summer Camp the week of June 17 – 22, 2012; and

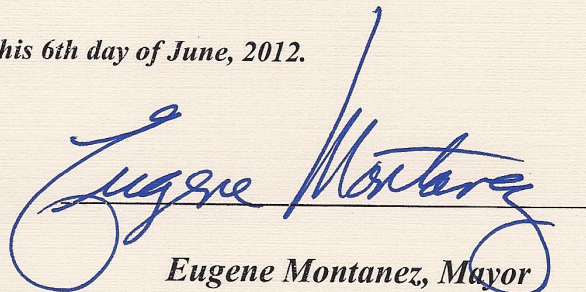
WHEREAS, Blues Camp is a week long priceless experience and opportunity for young musicians under direction of Fernando Jones, an accomplished author, musician, composer and college professor, is known as the 21st century bluesman. His vision is to "have a place where kids from all colors, all backgrounds, all parts of the world where they could come together where they can be kids, and they can play the blues"; and

WHEREAS, the camp is free and gives musicians and vocalists ages 8-17 a rare opportunity to gain hands-on professional instruction in America's root music. Students develop their skills while forming lifelong friendships and getting an opportunity to play as a member of a band; and

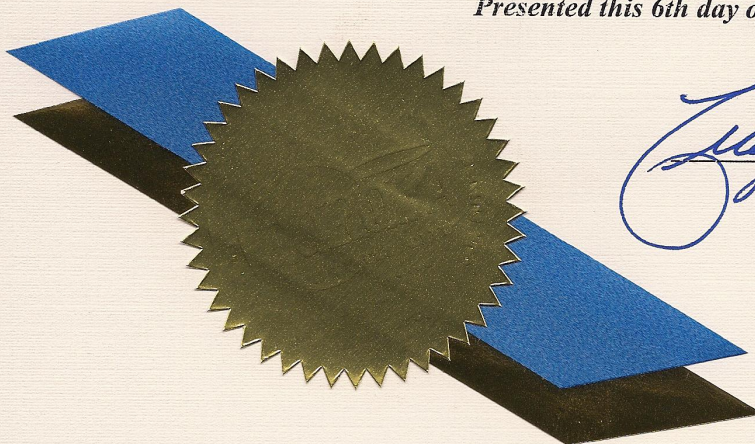
WHEREAS, proceeds from the concert will go directly to the Blues Kids Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that allows blues camp and other educational programs to continue for free and Fender Center's Kids Rock Free® program, a free low cost music education program for kids.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR EUGENE MONTANEZ, on behalf of the City Council do hereby gratefully acknowledge Blues Kids of America for their commitment and support and commend them for their service to our community.

Presented this 6th day of June, 2012.


Eugene Montanez, Mayor

CITY OF CORONA



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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



Presented To

Fernando Jones' Blues Camp

On behalf of the California State Senate, I am honored to recognize Fernando Jones' Blues Camp in Corona, hosted by the Blues Kids Foundation. In keeping with National Music Day, I commend the commitment of this wonderful program to broaden the artistic experience of our youth.

June 21, 2013

Richard D. Roth, Senator 31st District