



City Of Raleigh
North Carolina

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every 40 seconds a child in the United States is reported missing or abducted, translating to more than 2,000 children per day and more than 800,000 children per year; and,

WHEREAS, one in five girls and one in ten boys are sexually exploited before they reach adulthood, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; and,

WHEREAS, there were approximately 58,000 non-family abductions of children in one year, according to a 2002 U.S. Department of Justice study; and,

WHEREAS, the number of registered sex offenders in the United States is more than 600,000; and,

WHEREAS, safety should always be the number one concern when addressing internet technologies, and the City of Raleigh is committed to joining with local law enforcement agencies and interested organizations in finding ways for parents and community members to work together to protect our children from these online predators; and,

WHEREAS, *Stop Internet Predators* is a campaign that seeks to increase awareness and educate others on these technologies and the various safeguards available to protect our children and their privacy; and,

WHEREAS, *Stop Internet Predators* encourages families to be proactive in preventing the sexual exploitation of our children through online applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Charles Meeker, mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 7, 2009 as

STOP INTERNET PREDATORS DAY

in Raleigh and encourage every citizen to acknowledge the group's efforts to protect our children and protect the rights of child victims.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the City of Raleigh,
North Carolina, to be affixed this
Seventh Day of April 2009.



Charles Meeker

