



Notary Public Day is November 7... Remember to Thank Your Special Notary

*A message promoting Notary Public Day,
from your Secretary of State.*

Transactions that are essential to the normal function of our everyday lives would not be possible without the skill and attention of a notary public. There are nearly 4.8 million notaries public in the United States, all of whom serve the common good as trusted public officials.

Notary Public Day was created in 1974 to “recognize notaries for their public service and their contributions to national and international commerce.”

Since ancient Roman times, notaries have recorded matters of judicial and commercial importance as well as private transactions when professional skill and integrity were needed.

Today’s notaries are indispensable to the free flow of commerce and to the many highly sensitive personal transactions that transpire in daily life. By properly executing their duties as impartial witnesses, notaries help deter fraud and promote the integrity and reliability of document transactions. They do this by positively confirming the document signer’s identity, and carefully assessing the signer’s comprehension, competence and willingness to sign.

The date of November 7 was chosen as Notary Public Day in recognition of the day in 1639 that the first notary public, Thomas Fugill, was appointed in America. Fugill was appointed by the Colony of New Haven on October 25, 1639 (Julian calendar), November 7 on the Gregorian calendar now in use.

Please join Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall and the N. C. Notary Association in observing Notary Public Day on **November 6, 2009, at the State Capitol Building in Raleigh. Secretary Marshall will present a Governor’s Proclamation at 1:00 p.m. recognizing all notaries public in North Carolina and proclaiming November 7th as Notary Public Day in North Carolina. Refreshments will be provided by the N.C. Notary Association.**

Date: November 6, 2009

Time: 1:00—2:00 p.m.

**Place:
North Carolina State Capitol
2nd Floor, Rotunda
Raleigh, North Carolina**

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