## Sample Proclamation

**NATIONAL TRIO DAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** TRIO is the first set of federal programs to address the serious social, economic and cultural barriers to higher education in United States. Today, more than 800,000 students in nearly 3,000 programs at host institutions, both urban and rural, make higher education a reality for students who are often the first members of their family to enroll in and graduate from college.

**WHEREAS,** On February 24, 1986, concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 278 declared the sense of Congress that February 28, 1986, should be designated "National TRIO Day" and that the achievements of the TRIO programs should be recognized.

**WHEREAS,** TRIO emerged from an understanding that low-income, first generation students need more than financial aid to overcome the systematic obstacles in the way of their acquiring a college degree.

**WHEREAS,** National TRIO Day is meant to focus the nation's "attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives if they are to become contributing citizens of the country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made."

**WHEREAS,** By recognizing the untapped talent and potential of low-income, first-generation Americans, with diverse racial and economic backgrounds, TRIO programs open the doors to educational access and opportunity for all every day.

**On the thirty-eighth anniversary of National TRIO Day, let us proclaim our commitment to educational equity, access, and opportunity for all, regardless of racial or economic background.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, [PUBLIC OFFICIAL], [TITLE], do hereby proclaim February 24, 2024, as TRIO Day. I call upon all to observe this day with ceremonies and activities that celebrate these life-changing programs as sources of educational access and opportunity for low-income, first-generation students.**