



Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week (ASAW) Proclamation Template

Use as much or as little of this information as you need to. What is published in the finalized proclamation is the 4-6 Whereas clauses. [Here](#) is Colorado's Ace Week Proclamation, as an example.

For questions about submitting the proclamation, you can contact the writers of this template at advocacy@taaap.org.

This template is based on the Ace Week Proclamation [template](#) created by Seattle Aces and Aros. This was also spurred by Ace Week's/Asexual Outreach's [effort](#) to get Ace Week recognized in multiple states. Credit and thanks to them for providing us a starting point.

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**Title of Proclamation:** Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week

**Sponsoring Organization:** Any local or preferred aromantic or LGBTQIA+ org (TAAAP if necessary and after you've emailed a heads up!)

**Date by Which Proclamation is Needed:** February 20, 2022

**Description:** Aromantic - aro for short - is an LGBTQIA+ orientation for those who experience little to no romantic attraction. "Aromantic spectrum" is used to refer to the host of identities and experiences related to this - regardless of whether that is experiencing minimal romantic attraction, or being repulsed by romance, or not desiring romantic relationships. Aro people may have any sexual orientation, including but not limited to straight, gay, lesbian, bi, and asexual. Aro people may also have any gender identity.

Aromantic communities have been forming on the internet and continually working towards increasing visibility and physical activism for the past 15 years. While the community has grown and is included in some LGBTQIA+ education and outreach, aromanticism remains generally unknown and unrecognized. This results in aro people feeling isolated and increases their risk of harassment and discrimination. People who are aromantic, but do not know what aromantic is, are at risk of not having a community to support them, of feeling broken because they do not have the same desires that their peers have, and of having strained interpersonal relations due to not having the terminology or support to make sense of their experience. Recognition of Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week from the Governor's Office will help thousands of (**enter the name of the people in your city or state here**) feel recognized and less isolated, and provide an opportunity for people outside of the community to see and understand the experiences of aromantic people.



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The goal of Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week, or ASAW, is to spread awareness and acceptance of aromantic spectrum identities, and to make space for a celebration of aromantic identity. ASAW began in 2014, and is celebrated the first full calendar week after Valentine's Day. In 2022, ASAW will occur from February 20th to February 26th.

### **Clauses:**

WHEREAS aromanticism is a generally unknown and misunderstood romantic orientation; and

WHEREAS people who are aromantic often feel isolated and confused, and lack access to resources and support networks; and

WHEREAS discovering aromanticism can be an affirming and positive personal experience; and

WHEREAS having peers and family know of and understand aromanticism can provide safety, support, and comfort to aro people; and

WHEREAS Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week aims to spread awareness and acceptance of aromantic spectrum identities and the issues faced by the aromantic community; and

WHEREAS (***enter state/city name here***) is proud of and made stronger by the vast diversity of its residents;

THEREFORE, I, (***Name of Governor/Official***), (***Governor/Position***) of the (***State/Place***) of (***Place Name***), do hereby proclaim the period between February 20th and February 26th, 2022, as AROMANTIC SPECTRUM AWARENESS WEEK.

### **About the Sponsoring Organization:**

*For any organization, we recommend including 2 or 3 sentences about their relevance to the aro community and/or the local community of where you are submitting the proclamation request!*

*Here's an example of what TAAAP uses when we submit proclamation requests.*

The Ace and Aro Advocacy Project was created in 2017. Its goals are to increase the visibility of ace and aro identities, to provide resources on asexuality and aromanticism to professionals (e.g. doctors, mental health professionals, educators), and to support aro and ace members of society. It has presented workshops at Creating Change in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 as well as a panel at WorldPride 2019 and at the Young Adult Library Services Association Symposium in 2021.