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By Keith Porteous Wood, executive director of the National Secular Society

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By Terry Sanderson, NSS President

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