

Mayor's Proclamation

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE”

Whereas, in 1981 the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace to be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples", affirming that the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration, and

Whereas, in 2001 the U.N. expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day, being September 21; and

Whereas, when people work together for international peace they are also working for peace within their city, and when they take actions to inform and support the residents of their own community about peace projects, they are also affecting the global potential for peace; and

Whereas, there is growing support within our city of Oakland for the observance of the UN International Day of Peace on September 21 of each year, which affirms a vision of our city and our world at peace, and fosters cooperation among individuals, local organizations and nations as they work throughout each year to honor this day with a number of planned events throughout the neighborhoods, the schools, arts venues, senior centers, after-school or day-care programs, homeless shelters, and businesses of Oakland in order to involve all citizens; and

Whereas, the desire for Peace as an absence of violence has to begin with the younger generation, the hope is that the definitions, meanings, and causes of peace can be studied and celebrated year –round in all Oakland schools, and that students will participate in city-wide events on Peace Day itself;


Whereas, the City of Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission fully supports this Proclamation for the International Day of Peace and acknowledges September 21 as a day of peace and non violence in the City of Oakland to be commemorated with participation of the Youth Advisory Commission.

Now, Therefore, I Ronald V. Dellums, Mayor of Oakland, proclaim September 21 as

“International Day of Peace”

In the City of Oakland and encourage its recognition by all Oakland citizens.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Office of the Mayor to be affixed.


RONALD V. DELLUMS
MAYOR OF OAKLAND

