

# PROCLAMATION

Philadelphia is a historic city founded on the principals of peace, equality, and the commitment to "Let Brotherly Love Continue." Inspired by Philadelphia's Founding Father William Penn, we welcome opportunities to increase our understanding of the people and cultures of the world and endeavor to find alternatives to the violence frequently born of ignorance.

The United Nations' (U.N.) International Day of Peace was established in 1981 to provide an annual opportunity for countries, cities, communities, and individuals to "commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace" each year on September 21. The date is also intended to be a day of ceasefire across the globe.

This year, the U.N. chosen theme for Peace Day is "Right of Peoples to Peace." This theme relates to a U.N. Declaration that proclaims "the people of our planet have the sacred right to peace" and underscores the critical relationship between human rights and peace.

The citizens of Philadelphia, the region, and the world lay claim to the right to peace—in their homes, schools, neighborhoods, and cities—and thus, efforts to build positive steps toward peace and stronger, more unified communities, are vitally important.

Peace Day Philly is a local initiative that encourages meaningful participation in the International Day of Peace. City offices, public officials, organizations, neighborhoods, community groups, and individuals are called upon to actively engage in this globally observed day in diverse and significant ways.


On September 21, 2014, a minute of silence will be observed at noon, across the world, in all time zones. Additional ways to participate include: facilitating a conflict resolution workshop; collaborating on a positive neighborhood initiative; engaging in a discussion program related to peace; participating in a spiritual or faith activity; committing to community service; playing a sport in the spirit of cooperation; engaging in intercultural dialogue; sharing an act of peace with someone, or simply gathering with a heightened sense of our common humanity. Peace Day belongs to every Philadelphian and is shared with every fellow human being on earth.

## THEREFORE...

I, Michael A. Nutter, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 21, 2014 to be

## PEACE DAY PHILLY

in Philadelphia, and urge all citizens and leaders in communities across the City and throughout the region to actively engage in this global day through positive actions that will plant the seeds for greater understanding, compassion, and peace.

  
Michael A. Nutter  
Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Philadelphia on this twenty-first day of September, two thousand and fourteen

