

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 21, 2018, as "International Day of Peace";
2 expressing support of its ideals and principles; and
3 encouraging Pennsylvanians to meaningfully engage at this
4 worldwide event.

5 WHEREAS, The ideal of peace encompasses the deepest hopes of
6 all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth was founded by William Penn on the
8 principles of peace, freedom and equality; and

9 WHEREAS, The United Nations believes in this same vision and
10 works to promote the ideals and principles of peace and human
11 rights across the globe; and

12 WHEREAS, The United Nations' "International Day of Peace,"
13 ("Peace Day") established in 1981, offers a global opportunity
14 on September 21 to "commemorate and strengthen the ideals of
15 peace within and among all nations and peoples" and to take
16 meaningful and practical action for peace; and

17 WHEREAS, On September 21, individuals, organizations and
18 governments come together through engaging in diverse "Peace

1 Day" activities related to the arts, the environment, education,
2 global and intercultural topics, spirituality and faith, health
3 and nonviolence; and

4 WHEREAS, Meaningful engagement in "Peace Day" contributes to
5 creating a culture of peace; and

6 WHEREAS, "Peace Day Philly," an NGO affiliated with the
7 United Nations, is the Philadelphia region initiative for the
8 International Day of Peace and promotes, collaborates on and
9 offers wide-ranging programs related to personal, local and
10 global peace during the week in which "Peace Day" falls; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2018, "Peace Day Philly" features:

12 (1) a talk on economics, peace and human rights;

13 (2) a "Peace Day" concert with members of the
14 Philadelphia Orchestra, benefiting refugees;

15 (3) "Peace Day" gathering with reflections on personal,
16 local and global peace, music and the minute of silence at 12
17 noon, which takes place across the world in all time zones;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, "Peace Day" activities take place not only in the
20 Philadelphia region, but in cities and towns across this
21 Commonwealth, nation and world; and

22 WHEREAS, The universal statement shared at "Peace Day"
23 events, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," brings together
24 individuals of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures; and

25 WHEREAS, The 2018 global "Peace Day" theme is "The Right to
26 Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70," which
27 celebrates the 70th anniversary of this milestone document in
28 the history of human rights; and

29 WHEREAS, The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio
30 Guterres states that, "it is time all nations and all people

1 live up to the words of the Universal Declaration of Human
2 Rights, which recognizes the inherent dignity and equal and
3 inalienable rights of all members of the human race"; therefore
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 21, 2018, as
6 "International Day of Peace," express support for its ideals and
7 principles and encourage Pennsylvanians to meaningfully engage
8 at this worldwide event.

