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PEACE DAY PHILLY ENCOURAGES PEACE ACTION FOR TWELTH YEAR

Philadelphia, PA (September 13, 2021) – For the twelfth consecutive year, Peace Day Philly - the local initiative for the United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21) - will present diverse programs related to personal, local and global peace and justice. These programs, in person and virtual, will take place from September 15 through September 21.

Descriptions of all 2022 programs, and links to participate, can be found at www.peacedayphilly.org/events.

Peace Day Philly invites individuals, organizations and communities to participate in Peace Day by engaging in meaningful peace and justice-related activities in their home, school or community on or around September 21. Anyone can observe Peace Day in whatever way is personally meaningful, joining with people across the globe in creating a more peaceful world.

The global Peace Day theme for 2022, set by the United Nations, is: “End Racism. Build Peace.” Said Mayor Kenney: “In Philadelphia, as a proud welcoming city, we stand with our impacted communities and condemn all expressions of racist hate and violence, which have no place here and should not be anywhere in our nation or world. Now more than ever, the City of Philadelphia is proud to stand with Peace Day Philly and all those who work to build and maintain peace and unity.”

This year we are working in cooperation with both the Philadelphia School District and Police Department to engage students grades 1-12 in Peace Day activities using our Peace Day Tool Kit.

On September 16, Peace Day Philly, police and Councilwoman Sanchez’s office will offer a march and rally encouraging positive interactions between police and youth. On Peace Day, September 21, we will host a gathering at the North Apron of City Hall. The event will feature speakers, music, art and our giant peace dove. We will also observe minute of silence at noon (a global activity in all timezones).

Peace Day Philly 2022 Highlighted Programs:

9/15 - Documentary short: “Hello Sunshine,” about a tireless activist in Kensington

9/16 - March and Rally of peace with police and youth (Media Advisory with more information)

9/17 - A Loving Kindness meditation in the Buddhist tradition (VIRTUAL)

9/18 - A jazz concert (pay what you will) benefiting organizations helping to resettle refugees

9/19 - A panel program about forced migration including racism issues (VIRTUAL)

9/21 - Peace Day Program North Side of City Hall, focusing on global theme: End Racism. Build Peace.

9/21 - Breaking barriers through dialogue and food with refugees and immigrants