

# PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia is proud to be a place where a variety of people with origins from across the world come together to live in harmony. As the first World Heritage City in the country, Philadelphia celebrates all of our residents' unique qualities and cultures who aim to live together happily and peacefully. Our success is a model for the rest of the world, which can all too often use bias, prejudice, ignorance, and fear of different cultures as reasons for spreading discord.

The *International Day of Peace* was established by the United Nations in 1981 to provide an annual opportunity for countries, cities, communities, and individuals to come together in the spirit of unity to "strengthen the ideals of peace." In 2001, the day was officially scheduled to be observed on September 21 to recognize the day's important message, and to encourage a day of nonviolence and global ceasefire. This year the United Nations set a theme for the day as *Climate Action for Peace*.

Incorporated by founder Lisa Parker as a nonprofit organization in 2013, *Peace Day Philly* is the local initiative of the *International Day of Peace* and an initiative that promotes local engagement in the annual observance.

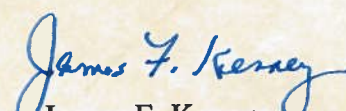
*Peace Day Philly* calls upon local government, organizations, community groups, and individuals to actively participate in programs and activities related to personal, local, and global peace during the week leading up to the event on Saturday, September 21, 2019. The organization encourages all Philadelphians to observe the day by contributing to a culture of peace in our society, as well as observing a minute of silence at noon on this important day.

## THEREFORE...

I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 21, 2019 to be the

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

in Philadelphia, and urge all residents to actively observe the day, and meaningfully engage in and contribute to building a culture of peace in Philadelphia, as there is still much work to do to ensure justice, equality, and unity in our City and beyond.

  
James F. Kenney  
Mayor

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

