

Pennsylvania State Senate Resolution

In the Senate, Sept. 14, 2019

Whereas, the ideal of peace encompasses the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration, and,

Whereas, this Commonwealth was founded by William Penn on the principles of peace, freedom and equality; and

Whereas the United Nations believes in this same vision and works to promote the ideals and principles of peace and human rights across the globe; and

Whereas, the United Nations "International Day of Peace" or "Peace Day" established in 1981 offers a global opportunity on September 21 to "commemorate and strengthen the ideas of peace with and among all nations and peoples" and to take meaningful and practical action for peace; and Whereas, on September 21 individuals, organizations and governments come together through engaging in diverse "Peace Day" activities related to the arts, the environment, education, global and intercultural topics, spirituality and faith, health and nonviolence ; and

Whereas meaningful engagement in "Peace Day" contributes to creating a culture of peace; and

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

Whereas Peace Day activities take place not only in the Philadelphia region but in cities and towns across the Commonwealth, nation and world; and

Whereas, the universal statement shared at “Peace Day” events, “May Peace Prevail On Earth,” brings together individuals of all faiths backgrounds and cultures; and

Whereas the 2019 global “Peace Day” theme is “Climate Action for Peace,” which draws attention to the importance of combatting climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world; and

Whereas the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres states that “nature is not negotiable” and “it is possible to achieve our goals, but we need decisions, political will and transformational policies to allow us to still live in peace with our own climate;” therefore, be it

Resolved, that the State Senate recognize September 21, 2019 the “International Day of Peace,” express support for its ideas and principles and encourage Pennsylvanians to meaningfully engage in this worldwide event.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution NO 218, introduced by Senators Lawrence M. Farnese and Andrew E. Dinnigan, and adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.