

**PROCLAMATION
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

WHEREAS, The issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

WHEREAS, In 1981 the United Nations proclaimed the **International Day of Peace** be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations expanded the observance of the **International Day of Peace in 2001** to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day; and

WHEREAS, There is growing support within our City for the observance of the **International Day of Peace**, which affirms a vision of our world at peace, and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations and nations; and

WHEREAS, Global crises impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generations; and

WHEREAS, The **2020 Peace Day Theme "Shaping Peace Together,"** invites everyone around the world to spread compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic; and stand together with the UN against attempts to use the virus to promote discrimination or hatred;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy does hereby proclaim **September 17, 2020 as International Day of Peace** in the City of Troy and urges all citizens to join us in recognizing this day to discover different faith traditions' teaching on peace or any other education and public awareness activities in order to help establish a global day of peace in our homes, our communities and between nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council urges all government agencies, organizations, schools, places of worship and individuals in our City to commemorate the **International Day of Peace** including joining the Troy Interfaith Group at their monthly meetings and events, held virtually for now. There are special programs year-round for people to engage in dialogues about peace, faith, and justice among all religions locally and globally.

Signed this 14th day of September 2020.