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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 21, 2016, as "International Day of Peace"  
2 in Pennsylvania and supporting the ideals observed for this  
3 worldwide event.

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, The United Nations' "International Day of Peace,"  
12 established in 1981, offers an annual opportunity on September  
13 21 for countries, states, cities, communities and individuals to  
14 "commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace within and among  
15 all nations and peoples"; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2001, the United Nations unanimously established  
17 "International Day of Peace" on September 21 to be observed each  
18 year in promotion of global ceasefire and nonviolence; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2009, the United States Senate passed Senate  
2 Resolution No. 274 expressing its support for the goals and  
3 ideals celebrated on "Peace Day" and for "continuing efforts to  
4 raise global awareness of the goals of Peace Day and to engage  
5 all sectors of society in the peaceful observance of the  
6 International Day of Peace"; and

7 WHEREAS, On September 21, 2016, people in cities across the  
8 world come together through diverse peace education activities,  
9 nonviolent skill building, music, marches, spiritual activities,  
10 arts projects, community events, environmental efforts and  
11 intercultural dialogues, all for the purpose of forwarding a  
12 culture of peace; and

13 WHEREAS, "International Day of Peace" observances are wide-  
14 ranging, with organizations and cities across this Commonwealth,  
15 from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, creating practical acts of  
16 peace for our citizens to further understand and actively  
17 participate in a movement of nonviolence; and

18 WHEREAS, Peace Day Philly, a Philadelphia-region initiative  
19 that encourages broad-based participation in "International Day  
20 of Peace," calls upon all public officials, organizations,  
21 neighborhoods, community groups and individuals to actively  
22 engage in this global day of local opportunity; and

23 WHEREAS, On September 21 at noon in all time zones, people of  
24 all nationalities and religions will observe a minute of silence  
25 for peace; and

26 WHEREAS, The United Nations' global theme for "International  
27 Day of Peace" 2016 is "The Sustainable Development Goals:  
28 Building Blocks for Peace"; and

29 WHEREAS, The global theme recognizes the strong connection  
30 between human rights, development, the environment and peace;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon  
3 stated with regard to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable  
4 Development, that includes the 17 Sustainable Development Goals:  
5 "It is an agenda for people, to end poverty in all its forms. An  
6 agenda for the planet, our common home. An agenda for shared  
7 prosperity, peace and partnership"; and

8 WHEREAS, Conflict resolution and transformation, mediation,  
9 mindfulness training and many other skill-based aspects of peace  
10 education, as well as intercultural dialogue and other forms of  
11 diversity and global awareness activities, are critical to the  
12 development of peace-building skills and global citizenship  
13 among children and youth; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 21, 2016, as  
15 "International Day of Peace" in Pennsylvania and express its  
16 support for the goals and ideals celebrated worldwide by  
17 encouraging and commending all residents of this Commonwealth  
18 who actively promote and participate in diverse peace,  
19 nonviolence and unity-building activities in observance of  
20 "International Day of Peace."