

## Senator Larry Farnese

## 1st Senatorial District

## **MEMO**

Date:

August 24, 2011

To:

All Senators

From:

Senator Lawrence M. Farnese,

Subject:

Co-sponsorship – United Nations International Day of

Peace Resolution

I plan to introduce a resolution honoring the United Nations International Day of Peace, occurring on September 21, 2011.

Thirty years ago, the General Assembly of the United Nations declared the International Day of Peace to be a day focused on strengthening peace efforts across the world. In 2001, they voted again to make September 21<sup>st</sup> of each year the day on which Peace Day is celebrated, by encouraging a global cease-fire and non-violence on this day worldwide.

In 2009 the United States Senate supported, through resolution, the goals and ideals of Peace Day. Those goals and ideals have been supported through efforts that include educational discussions and public awareness campaigns, immunization campaigns, art exihibitions, peace walks, and a myriad of other activities promoting peace, human rights and non-violence here in the United States and across the world.

The theme of this year's International Day of Peace is "Make your voice heard." Please make your voice heard by joining us in co-sponsoring this resolution to encourage and honor the endeavors of the UN, partnering organizations and individuals that have produced reductions in violence and provided life-saving humanitarian aid around the globe.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring, please contact Brandie Pifer at 717-787-5662 or via email at <a href="mailto:bpifer@pasenate.com">bpifer@pasenate.com</a>.