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## Day of Peace

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WHEREAS, the ideal 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, global crises compel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into the practical reality of a culture of peace for future generations.

WHEREAS, in Buncombe County the following groups and organizations work to promote peace and justice in our communities:

WNC 4 Peace  
Peace is Possible NC  
Papa and Mama Bears Peace Garden  
Peace Day Asheville  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
Center for Art and Spirit  
Veterans for Peace Chapter 099  
Senior Suffrage  
Brooks Howell Home Residents  
Asheville Friends Meeting  
French Broad Food Co-op  
Asheville White Dove Release  
First Congregational United Church of Christ

Asheville Buncombe County NAACP  
Swannanoa Valley Pax Christi USA  
Rainbow Community School  
Omega Middle School  
Sacred Circle of Asheville  
Ethical Humanist Society of Asheville  
Paddle for Peace  
Land of Sky United Church of Christ  
Share International USA  
Mountain People's Assembly  
Asheville School  
United Nations Association WNC Chapter

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That September 21, 2016 be proclaimed

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in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby urge all agencies, organizations, schools, places of worship and individuals in our County to commemorate in an appropriate manner the International Day of Peace.

This the 20th day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR  
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN