

PROCLAMATION

of

International Day of Peace

WHEREAS, the ideal of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all people, and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2002, the United Nations has designated September 21 of each year as the International Day of Peace with one complete day of ceasefire around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations dedicates the International Day of Peace to nonviolence and the cessation of hostilities, and calls upon all nations and people to commemorate the day through educational efforts, public awareness, and adherence to the global ceasefire; and

WHEREAS, Peace Day activities around the world include peace marches, concerts, events, poetry readings, prayer ceremonies, art exhibits, vaccination campaigns, memorial services, school assemblies, family reunions and sporting events – all made possible by the laying down of arms; and

WHEREAS, Buncombe County Commissioners recognize that various local groups and businesses, schools, faith communities, artists and individuals have supported the International Day of Peace, bringing together hundreds to affirm our County's commitment to building peace through nonviolence.

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

1. That the day of September 21, 2012 be declared:

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE”

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby call upon the people of the County to observe this day in unity and to imagine, build, cultivate and celebrate Peace on Earth.
3. That this proclamation be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of September, 2012

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
BUNCOMBE COUNTY

BY: _____
DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN