

## **PROCLAMATION**

## INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF PEACE SEPTEMBER 16 ~ 21/2017

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 Days 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 the practical reality of a culture

of peace for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE I, Bill McKay, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim

September 16 to 21, 2017, as:

"INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF PEACE"

in the City of Nanaimo.

Bill McKay M A Y O R

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2017.