WHEREAS, in 1981 the United Nations General Assembly, designated Sept. 21 as the International Day of Peace to be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples, through education and public awareness"; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the United Nations General Assembly declared that the International Day of Peace shall be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence; an invitation to all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the day; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme for the International Day of Peace is "End racism. Build peace."; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that achieving true peace entails much more than laying down arms; it requires the building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish. It involves creating a world in which people are treated equally and have the same opportunities to thrive, regardless of their race; and

WHEREAS, we all have a role to play in fostering peace, and tackling racism is a crucial way to contribute; and

WHEREAS, all are invited to join the efforts of the United Nations to work towards a world free of racism and racial discrimination. A world where compassion and empathy overcome suspicion and hatred. A world that we can truly be proud of.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jenn Weaver, mayor of the Town of Hillsborough, join with other communities throughout the world to hereby proclaim Sept. 21, 2022, as the **International Day of Peace** in the Town of Hillsborough and encourage all residents to participate in peace week events being held in the area Sept. 18 through Sept. 25 in an effort to promote peace and equality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hillsborough to be affixed this 12th day of September in the year 2022.

 Jenn Weaver, Mayor
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