



A PROCLAMTION RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO AS A CITY OF PEACE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

WHEREAS, Article 10 of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) calls for the establishment of a culture of peace through education, collaboration, and civic participation across all sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) advances peace through international cooperation, respect for international law, interfaith harmony, and peace education initiatives that strengthen communities at the local and global levels; and

WHEREAS, HWPL holds Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), recognizing the organization's contribution to peacebuilding and the relevance of its framework beyond localized initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of DPCW Article 10 and HWPL Georgia's peace initiatives is to cultivate a vibrant and revitalized community through fostering tolerance and understanding through legislation, peace education and community activation; and

WHEREAS, HWPL Georgia's Legislate Peace (LP) Program and the Peace Leadership Academy for Youth (PLAY) support peace through education and community partnerships across Gwinnett County; and,

WHEREAS, the **PLAY4Peace World Youth Peace Camp & Summit**, is youth-centered initiative designed to strengthen communities through peace education, civic engagement, sports, leadership development, and cross-cultural exchange, providing young people with practical tools to contribute to community safety, stability, and opportunity ; and

WHEREAS, the **Arrow Youth International Youth Council** plays a vital role in elevating youth voice, fostering responsible civic participation, and supporting youth leadership in addressing local and global challenges through collaboration, dialogue, and service; and

WHEREAS, as Atlanta prepares to welcome global attention through major international events, including the FIFA World Cup, there is a timely opportunity to demonstrate principled leadership by investing in youth-centered peace initiatives that reflect shared values, global responsibility, and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, through this initiative, approximately **200 youth** will participate in a summer camp and summit focused on peacebuilding, leadership development, and peace education, reinforcing Atlanta's position as a city committed to innovation, inclusion, and positive social impact; and

WHEREAS, during this designated period of peace, communities are encouraged to support and participate in youth-led and community-based initiatives—such as educational workshops, service projects, facilitated dialogues, and civic engagement activities—that strengthen social cohesion and promote long-term community well-being;



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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, Georgia, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Council do hereby proclaim the month of June as a month of Peace in the City of Jonesboro, Georgia, and express support for the PLAY4Peace World Youth Peace Camp and Summit, HWPL Georgia, the expansion of Peace Education and the Arrow Youth Leadership Council International, encouraging residents, schools, youth organizations, civic leaders, and community partners to engage in activities that advance peace education, youth leadership, and collaborative community action.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Jonesboro, Georgia to be affixed on this **8th day of June, 2026**.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA**

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk

