



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21.

Established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace

People in cities, communities and villages worldwide have engaged in the International Day of Peace in diverse and meaningful ways. 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.

There is 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.

The 2022 theme for the International Day of Peace is **End racism. Build peace.**

We all have a role to play in fostering peace, and tackling racism is a crucial way to contribute. Mercer Islanders can continue to engage in the important work to combat discrimination and inequality, and to promote diversity in our community. The International Day of Peace provides another opportunity to reflect and recommit to creating a community of inclusion and belonging on Mercer Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2022 as

PEACE DAY ON MERCER ISLAND

and call upon the people of Mercer Island to join the efforts of the United Nations as we 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.

APPROVED, this 20th day of September 2022

Mayor Salim Nice

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