



# BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

**AB 6136**  
**September 20, 2022**  
**Consent Agenda**

## AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6136: Peace Day on Mercer Island, Proclamation No. 296	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Proclaim September 21, 2022 as Peace day on Mercer Island	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 296
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to proclaim September 21, 2022 as Peace Day on Mercer Island (Exhibit 1).

## BACKGROUND

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.

## ISSUE/DISCUSSION

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

Throughout 2022, Mercer Islanders have engaged in thoughtful conversations around issues of racism, inequality, and promoting inclusion in their community through the Community Conversations series. Partnerships with community and student groups which focus on amplifying underrepresented voices have resulted in celebrations for Black History Month, Juneteenth, Pride month, and more. The International Day of Peace provides another opportunity for residents to pause and reflect on their community's role in dismantling racism and creating belonging on Mercer Island.

Learn more about how to get involved in International Day of Peace at <https://internationaldayofpeace.org/get-involved/>

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

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