## **PROCLAMATION**



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the International Day of Peace, also known as World Peace Day, was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly, is dedicated to world peace and specifically the absence of war and violence and observed annually on September 21; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001 the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate September 21 annually as a day of non-violence and ceasefire; and

**WHEREAS**, the Day of Peace aligns with the International Charter for Compassion, which the City of Appleton joined in 2010 and brings diverse groups together to foster connections and communication among faith communities and local organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #Global Goals, is a call to action that recognizes our individual and collective responsibility to foster peace; and

**WHEREAS**, a local community event is planned at Erb Park on Appleton's Day of Peace, where a variety of activities are available for children and adults, including music, a meditation for peace, a dance of universal peace, arts, crafts, and games, co-sponsored by Unity of Appleton, Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. ESTHER, and other community organizations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 17 as

## **Day of Peace**

in Appleton and encourage all citizens to participate in community events in celebration of the Day of Peace and to promote peace in our communities.

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Signed and sealed this <u>45</u><sup>\*\*</sup> day of August 2023.

JACOB A. WOODFORD MAYOR OF APPLETON