

LETTER OF INTENT

The undersigned, as independent citizens of (city) _____,

(country) ______ hereby acknowledge our intention to

help build a City of Peace.

A City of Peace, as officially defined by International Cities of Peace, is a community that endeavors to make progress against violence and foster a culture of peace. A Culture of Peace is determined by the citizens of each community.

As a guideline, United Nations Resolution A/RES/52/13 defines a Culture of Peace as a set of values, attitudes, modes of behavior and ways of life that reject violence and prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups, and nations. For peace and non-violence to prevail, we endeavor to:

Foster a culture of peace through education
Promote sustainable economic and social development

Promote respect for all human rights
Ensure equality between women and men
Foster democratic participation

Advance understanding, tolerance and solidarity
Support participatory communication and the free flow of information and knowledge

Promote international peace and security

In addition to the UNESCO statement on a culture of peace, the Golden Rule (variously stated including "do for others as you would have them to do for you") provides a universal statement for compassion and respect among a community's diverse and nonviolent philosophies, religions, and personal creeds.

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