OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene, Oregon PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: In 1982, the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be "devoted to commemorating and strengthing the ideal of peace, both within and among nations and peoples;" and

WHEREAS: the needs for safety, prosperity, and quality of life impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for peace into a practical reality for future generations; and

WHEREAS: Eugene, Oregon is known as the location of the Nation's "first-ever" Nobel Peace Park honoring each American winner of the Nobel Peace Prize; and is known for its Human Rights Commission established in 1990 to promote the value of all people and their social well-being; and is host to over 90 citizen organizations contributing to a culture of peace in the areas of food, shelter, environment, government, education, commerce, culture, science, spiritual teaching; and

WHEREAS: The diverse strategies of these multiple organizations are producing an upward spiral of knowledge, resources and collaborative actions designed to bring about a world that works for all; and

WHEREAS: The official recognition of Eugene as a city of Peace will provide inspiration, information, and support for adults and youth to pursue creative approaches to solving our differences and envisioning our shared future, activities which honor the intent of the International Day of Peace,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim September 21, of every year, to be,

"Peace Day Eugene"

in Eugene, Oregon, and urge everyone in the community to identify their personal role in building benevolent relationships in their families, communities and the world.

Kity Piercy, Mayor September 6, 2013