



CITY of PEACE PROCLAMATION

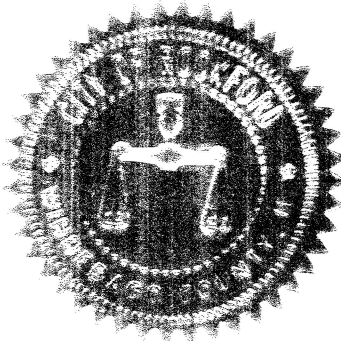
- WHEREAS,** *the World Health Organization defines health as not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, but achievement of a balance of physical, mental, and social wellbeing, and*
- WHEREAS,** *peace is not merely the absence of war and violence, but a condition where society has achieved a balance of prosperity, security, justice and hope, and*
- WHEREAS,** *peace is necessary for everyone to achieve health as defined by the World Health Organization, and*
- WHEREAS,** *the citizens of Rockford want to work together to create and implement initiatives that not only foster peace but to create a positive, lasting change in our community and around the world and become a model for other cities that tackle tough challenges. This vision for the future should build on the expertise of each person and involve all segments of our city in planning actions and making a difference. To this we are committed.*
- WHEREAS,** *the concerned citizens and community leaders of the region of Rockford are committed to establishing peace in the region to promote understanding, economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of the people of our region, and*
- WHEREAS,** *the United Nations has designated 21 September of each year to be the International Day of Peace, devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples; therefore be it*

RESOLVED *that the Mayor and Rockford City Council proclaim the City of Rockford, Illinois to be a City of Peace in perpetuity, and be it further*

RESOLVED *that the Rockford City Council and Mayor designate 21 September of each year to be the City of Rockford Day of Peace in perpetuity, and be it further*

RESOLVED *that the City Council, community leaders and concerned citizens develop policies and procedures that promote establishing peace in our region in perpetuity.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Rockford to be affixed this 8th day of September 2014.



[Signature]
MAYOR LAWRENCE J. MORRISSEY
CITY OF ROCKFORD

EXCELLENCE EVERYWHERE