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PROCLAMATION

International Day of Peace 2025

WHEREAS, the International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September 21 and was established in 1981 by the United Nations to designate the day as a period of non-violence and ceasefire; and

WHEREAS, this is a time of turbulence, tumult and uncertainty and we must speak up against violence, hate, discrimination, and inequality, practice respect, and embrace the diversity of our world; and

WHEREAS, ongoing humanitarian crises caused by violent conflicts in regions such as Palestine, Congo, Sudan, and Ukraine underscore the urgent need to uphold the principles of the International Day of Peace and to call for global nonviolence and cease-fire; and

WHEREAS, global crises impel everyone to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into the practical reality of a culture of peace for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2025, "Act Now for a Peaceful World," invites everyone to take concrete action to mobilize for peace, from peacekeepers on the front lines of conflict, to community members, to students in classrooms around the world; and

WHEREAS, all our efforts are connected. There are countless ways to act for peace, including sparking conversations, volunteering in your community, listening to voices different from your own, challenging discriminatory language, reporting bullying, and making conscious choices such as purchasing from socially conscious brands or donating to organizations that promote sustainability and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Joliet Township Government demonstrates its commitment to peace locally through preventative measures such as general assistance services, transportation services, behavioral health services, and violence prevention community convening; among other programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Board of Joliet Township Government, hereby proclaims September 21, 2025, as the International Day of Peace in Joliet Township.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2025.

Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

Kendra Landfair,

