



Proclamation

International Peace Month 2026

WHEREAS, the month of August is recognized as International Peace Month, a time to enact the enduring values of compassion, justice, and our shared humanity, and to renew our collective commitment to building a more peaceful world; and

WHEREAS, nearly a century has passed since the founding of this observance and millions of people continue to experience the devastating impacts of war and humanitarian crises, reminding us that the pursuit of peace remains an urgent responsibility shared by all nations and all people; and

WHEREAS, International Peace Month provides an opportunity for people around the world to reflect on the profound human cost of war and violence, honor those whose lives have been affected by conflict, and to remember the lessons of history while recognizing that lasting peace is achieved through reconciliation, diplomacy, and the protection of the dignity and human rights of every person; and

WHEREAS, peace is more than the absence of war, it is the active presence of justice, equity, human dignity, and opportunity for all people. It is strengthened when individuals and nations choose dialogue over violence, cooperation over division, diplomacy over conflict, and investments in human well-being over destruction; and

WHEREAS, peace is both a global aspiration and a local responsibility, built each day when neighbors resolve differences respectfully, reject violence and hatred, strengthen their communities through service and collaboration, and work together to ensure every person is treated with dignity and respect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Joliet Township Government Board does hereby proclaim August 2026 as International Peace Month in Joliet Township and encourages all residents, businesses, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, and community partners to honor this observance by:

- Promoting nonviolent conflict resolution and respectful dialogue across differences;
- Rejecting violence, hatred, discrimination, and intolerance in all forms;
- Supporting efforts that advance human rights, equity, and justice;
- Welcoming opportunities to foster understanding among people of different cultures and backgrounds;
- Caring for our environment as a foundation for healthy and peaceful communities;
- Participating in service projects, educational programs, and community events that strengthen social connection and civic engagement; and
- Engaging in acts of kindness and service to others as meaningful expressions of peace in action.

ADOPTED this 11th day of August of 2026.