



# City of Pittsburgh

510 City-County Building  
414 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## Text File

**Introduced:** 9/16/2008

**Bill No:** 2008-0741, **Version:** 1

**Committee:** City Council

**Status:** Adopted

WHEREAS in 2001, the General Assembly of the United Nations unanimously adopted resolution 55/82, thereby declaring September 21<sup>st</sup> of each year to be observed and celebrated as an International Day of Peace; and

WHEREAS consequent to the intent of this resolution, all people, institutions, and organizations world-wide are invited to celebrate a day of peace and non-violence by creating their own unique demonstrations of prayer, along with a variety of other spiritual and secular observances; and

WHEREAS it is the hope of the United Nations and all participants involved in the International Day of Peace that such aforementioned activities will ultimately work to support a global ceasefire to occur annually on September 21<sup>st</sup>; and

WHEREAS the City of Pittsburgh and its residents have and continue to play a critically important role in the establishment, promotion, observance, and celebration of the International Day of Peace and the International Day of Peace Vigil; and

WHEREAS locally, the International Day of Peace will be commemorated and celebrated by a number of activities including but not limited to special programming on PCTV21, awareness events hosted by the Community College of Beaver County, the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Western PA Resource Group, the Freedom Area School District, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Gentiva Home Health Care, the Thomas Merton Center; the Islamic Center; and the Pittsburgh Diocese; and Mr. Stan Willott and Mr. Al Snyder, two Pittsburgh residents, have written, arranged, and recorded "One Day of Peace," a song specifically composed for the International Day of Peace Vigil; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bo Mesing, Mr. George D'Angelo, and Mr. Jack Gannon, among many others, have combined their efforts, time, and talents in order to become a driving force in the commemoration of the International Day of Peace within the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, and other surrounding counties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to extend its gratitude to all individuals who have helped to create the observance of an International Day of Peace.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby also wish to show its support for the United Nations' International Day of Peace by declaring Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 as an International Day of Peace within the City of Pittsburgh.