



DATE: September 12, 2016

TO: Gene Winstead, Mayor
Jamie Verbrugge, City Manager

FROM: Lorinda Pearson, Manager, Human Services Division 

CC: Diann Kirby, Director, Community Services Department

RE: International Day of Peace Proclamation

Attached is the International Day of Peace proclamation for the Monday, September 12, 2016 City Council meeting. Community member Flora Tsyukayama, will be present to accept the proclamation. Ms. Tsyukayama has been active in the community in promoting peace and unity in the Bloomington Public School System including through Diversity Day, a joint effort of the HRC and the District. She was also featured in local photographer and author, John Noltner's first book, *a peace of my mind*.

Background:

In 1981, the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace to be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples." In 2002, the United Nations General Assembly officially declared September 21st as the permanent annual date for International Day of Peace.

In 2007, at its September 10th City Council meeting, the Bloomington City Council designated Bloomington Civic Plaza as a peace site and marked the first recognition of International Day of Peace locally.

The Commission will honor International Day of Peace by sponsoring a Naturalization Ceremony on Wednesday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m. in Schneider Theater.

The Council is requested to declare September 21, 2016 International Day of Peace in Bloomington.

Attachment