

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AUGUST 22, 2013 AS A

DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE IN BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA

Whereas America's problems with violence within our society has escalated not abated, during the last decade affecting families in every walk of life and threatening our national security and the safety of children, youth, adults, seniors and families;

Whereas it has become apparent that it is in our nation's best interest to increase knowledge and training of conflict resolution, mental health resources, parenting skills and non-violence resources. Further, it is in the nation's best interest to encourage anti-violence media campaigns; to increase outreach to faith based institutions; and to make resources available for action to the entire nation to "Change the Culture of Violence in America;"

Whereas Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. issued a call for non-violence in America, fifty years ago at the August 28, 1963 March on Washington;

Whereas Dr. King also called for peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create a more fair and just society for all citizens and sadly, Dr. King's dream remains a part of the dream unfulfilled;

Whereas despite the collective efforts and contributions of millions of citizens, the drumbeat of violence continues to eclipse our national message of love and tolerance and influences our youth towards self-destructive behaviors;

Whereas, Black Women for Positive Change, a national civic organization is calling for a National Day of Non-Violence in collaboration with Faith-Based Leaders, National Organizations, Elected Officials and Community Leaders and has organized and implemented a Non-Violence Summit to be held August 22, 2013.

Whereas, the MAYOR AND BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL calls on universities, schools, organizations, businesses and government agencies to sponsor appropriate activities to highlight the purpose and meaning of a National Day of Non-Violence;

Be it resolved by Mayor Sanders that August 22, 2013 be designated a Day of Non-Violence in Bellevue, Nebraska. The Mayor of Bellevue *hereby* issues an Order for August 22, 2013, calling upon the people of Bellevue to observe this date with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities as a reminder of our shared purpose.

Signed



Dated

8-12-13

