

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

Offered by Boston City Councillor Tito H. Jackson



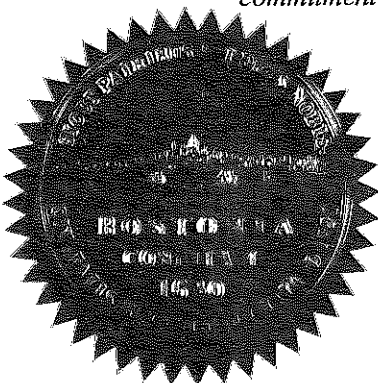
Whereas, America's problems with violence within our society has escalated in the last decade, affecting families from every walk of life. This violence threatens our nation and shatters the sense of safety and security that so many of our citizens treasure; and

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 anti-gun violence resources. We must also increase anti-gun media campaigns and increase outreach to faith based institutions by making the information collected available to all communities; and

Whereas, Fifty years ago, Martin Luther King, Jr. issued a call for non-violence and peaceful resolutions to create a more fair and just society at his March on Washington. Unfortunately, this remains a part of the dream unfulfilled; and

Whereas, Despite our collective efforts, the violence continues to eclipse our message of love and tolerance. The recent violence on April 15, 2013 crippled not only the City of Boston but the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the country We must act proactively to prevent future acts of violence in our city and country. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, designates August 22, 2013 as the National Day of Non-Violence. The Boston City Council is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation each August 22nd calling upon the people of the Commonwealth to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities as a reminder of our shared commitment to non-violence.



By: Stephen J. Murphy
President of the City Council

Attest: Maureen Lewis
Clerk of the City of Boston

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