



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Peace Day in Chicago was the vision of MyungSu Y.S. Kim to set aside one day each year for people of all ages, backgrounds, faiths and cultures to unite and join in focusing their wishes, centering their thoughts, or submitting their prayers of and for peace for the entire planet; and

WHEREAS, Peace Day in Chicago has been commemorated since September 7, 1978 – three years before the establishment of the International Day of Peace by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is the only major city in the world with a 40-year history of peace-building through annual Peace Day events, and remains an official United Nations Peace Messenger city; and

WHEREAS, Chicago will celebrate Peace Day with special events and programming from September 7th through 27<sup>th</sup> including the main event in Daley Plaza on September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon; and

WHEREAS, each year one minute of silence is observed for world peace at noon on September 7th; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the event is to contribute and promote methods of peace to society; and

WHEREAS, Chicago will commemorate the 40th anniversary of Peace Day with a public celebration open to all at Daley Plaza, peacebuilding activities in Chicago Public Schools, a daily Peace Challenge during 21 Days of Peace, and many other public events; and

WHEREAS, the celebration throughout these three weeks will remind everyone about the importance of world peace and provide opportunities for all – diverse residents and visitors from all walks of life – to participate in peacebuilding activities to bring both thought and action to the United Nations' Peace Day theme, *The Right To Peace: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim September 7 – 27, 2018 to be PEACE DAYS IN CHICAGO, and urge all Chicagoans to participate in this auspicious celebration and make peace a priority everywhere every day.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rahm Emanuel'.

Mayor