



**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 35-plus 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 two weeks of special events and programming from September 7th through 21st; 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 36th anniversary of Peace Day with a public celebration open to all at Daley Plaza, peacebuilding activities in Chicago Public Schools, and many other public events; and

WHEREAS, the celebration throughout these two 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:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim September 7 – 21, 2014 to be PEACE DAYS IN CHICAGO, and urge all Chicagoans to participate in this auspicious celebration and make peace a priority every day.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2014.

Mayor