



Proclamation

WHEREAS, International Peace Day was established in 1981 by United Nations resolutions 36 and 37 and is observed around the world each year as a globally shared date for all of humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace; and

WHEREAS, the concept of a culture of peace has now grown into a global movement which embraces more than an absence of conflict but encompasses tolerance, disarmament, sustainable economic and social development, democratic participation, gender equality, freedom of expression, and respect of human rights; and

WHEREAS, the transition to a culture of peace requires the transformation of individual behavior as well as institutional practices, and learning to live in peace is a process that begins with the development of inner peace and nurturing attitudes that promote peace through education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association Denver Chapter, Our Secure Future, and One Earth Future International Day of Peace Forum exist to raise the profile of the International Day of Peace and to affirm peace as a real alternative to the violence we see every day in the news by sharing activities and experiences with organizations around the world inspiring engagement in Peace Day; and

WHEREAS, members of the Denver community participate in the International Day of Peace Forum to educate the public, raise awareness of the International Day of Peace, and stand in solidarity with the international community to work for the day all citizens of the world can live together in harmony;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2017, as

COLORADO PEACE DAY

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-first day of September, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper
Governor*