

# City of Birmingham

## Proclamation

- 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; 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 non-violence resources and to make resources available for the nation to "Change the Culture of violence in America; and*
- 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 and Dr. King called for peaceful resolutions to conflicts and disagreements in order to create a more fair and just society for all citizens; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Black Women for Positive Change, a national, civic, volunteer organization is calling for a National Summit on Non-violence and Day of Non-Violence in collaboration with faith-based leaders, national organizations, elected officials and community leaders on August 22, 2013; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In line with the objectives set for the Summit and Day of Non-Violence elected officials across the country have been asked to declare this date as a National Day of Non-Violence and high school, college students and faith institutions in the City of Birmingham have been challenged to plan a day or event that demonstrates what a day without violence would be like in their communities.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM A. BELL, SR., MAYOR** of the City of Birmingham, Alabama resolve that Thursday, August 22, 2013 be designated as

### NATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

*this day will serve as a reminder of our shared purpose and all citizens and visitors are called upon to this Day of Non-Violence with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. This action is taken in concert with other cities of the United States of America, to promote a National Day of Non-Violence nationwide. We urge all of our citizens to honor this important day and relationship for our city.*



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Birmingham, Alabama to be affixed, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

*William A. Bell, Sr.*

**MAYOR**