

**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;

**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, in the District of Columbia;



**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. also called for peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create a more fair and just society for all citizens;

**WHEREAS**, It has become apparent that it is in the best interest of the **Borough of Wilkinsburg** increase knowledge and training of conflict resolution, mental health resources, parenting skills and non-violence resources. Further, it is in the nations' best interest to encourage anti-violence media campaigns; to increase outreach to faith based institutions; and to make resources available for action to the entire nations to "Change the Culture of Violence in America";

**WHEREAS**, Despite the collective efforts and contributions of millions of citizens, the drumbeat of violence continue to eclipse our citywide message of love and tolerance and influences our youth towards self-destructive behaviors;

**WHEREAS**, Black Women for Positive Change, a national civic organization is calling for a Day of Non-Violence in collaboration with Mayors, County Executives, Faith Leaders, Community-Based National Organizations, and Educational Leaders and has organized and implemented a Non-Violence Summit in Washington, District of Columbia, on August 22, 2013 to be held at the Metropolitan AME Church;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Wilkinsburg that **THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2013** be designated as the Borough wide **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 the National Day of Non-Violence nationwide.

  
  
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