

Columbus, Georgia

Georgia's First Consolidated Government

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Problems of violence in our society have 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, 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";

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 resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create a more fair and just society for all citizens;

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;

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 students, college students and faith institutions have been challenged to plan a day or event that demonstrates what a day without violence would be like in their communities;

WHEREAS, 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, as this action is taken in concert with other cities across the United States of America,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teresa Pike Tomlinson, Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 22, 2013 as a

Day of Non-Violence in Columbus, Georgia

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of Columbus, Georgia to be affixed this twenty-second day of August, 2013.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Teresa Pike Tomlinson", is written over a horizontal line.

HONORABLE TERESA PIKE TOMLINSON
MAYOR
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA