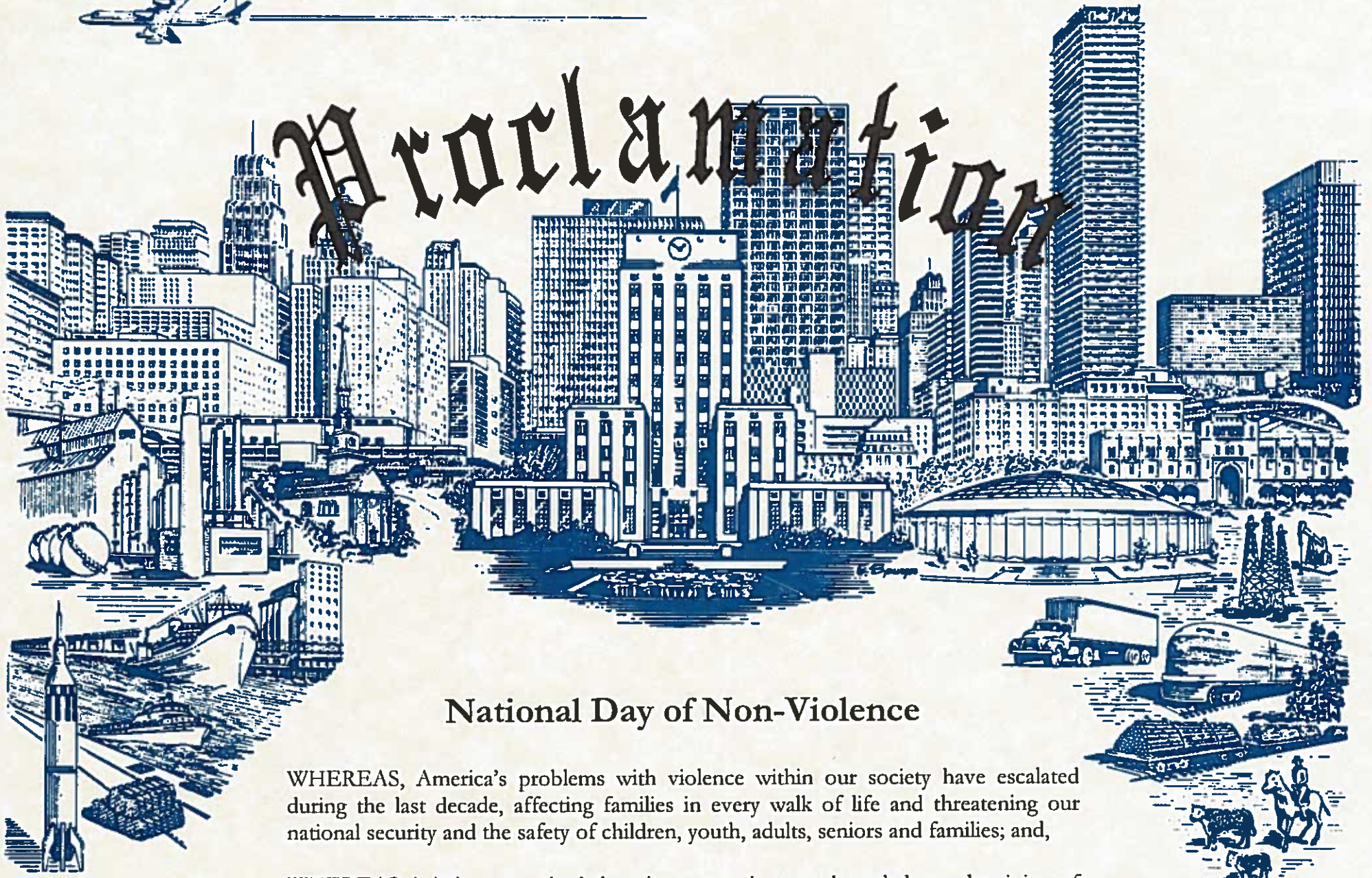




Proclamation



National Day of Non-Violence

WHEREAS, America's problems with violence within our society have escalated 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 is in our nation's best interest to increase knowledge and training of conflict resolution, mental health, parenting skills and non-violence 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 50 years ago at the August 28, 1963 March on Washington. Dr. King called for peaceful resolution 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, the **Day of Non-Violence** will serve as a reminder of our shared purpose. All citizens and visitors are called upon to help demonstrate what a day without violence would be like in their community.

THEREFORE, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim August 22, 2013, as

National Day of Non-Violence

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 22nd day of August, 2013.

Annise D. Parker

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Mayor of the City of Houston