

Proclamation



DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

AUGUST 22, 2013

WHEREAS, violence in our society has escalated during the last decade affecting families in every walk of life, individuals of all ages and threatening our national security; and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that it is in our nation's best interest to acknowledge the benefits of and to disseminate information about resources in both mental health and to teach non-violent methods as a means to "Change the Culture of Violence in America;" and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. organized a March on Washington to effect peaceful resolutions to serious conflicts in society to create a fair and just society for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, *Black Women for Positive Change* is a national, civic volunteer organization calling for a National Summit on Non-Violence and Day of Non-Violence in collaboration with faith-based leaders, national organizations, elected officials:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2013 as "DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE" in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in commending *Black Women for Positive Change* for working toward making our society a safer place to live.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray".