

A Proclamation

*By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh,
I do hereby issue this proclamation recognizing*

***BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE
NATIONAL SUMMIT ON NON-VIOLENCE
August 22, 2013***

WHEREAS, the Black Women for Positive Change (BW4PC) is a national volunteer network of women and men with representation in 21 of the United States with a mission of preserving and strengthening the American middle and working class and changing the culture of violence that has spread across the nation; and

WHEREAS, BW4PC has called together faith, civil rights and community leaders and elected officials to convene in Washington, DC to discuss strategies and help today's youth cope with increasing violence and crimes in the nation's communities; and

WHEREAS, the immediate goal of this summit is to create a national dialogue and teach our nation's youth effective conflict resolution skills. The summit will be broadcast on Live Web Stream so that networkers and supporters can participate from any city across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in line with the objective set for the summit, elected officials across the country have been asked to declare this date as a national day of non-violence. High school and college students throughout Pittsburgh have been challenged to plan a day or event that demonstrates what a day without violence would be like in their community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Luke Ravenstahl, as Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, commend and support the objectives of the Black Women for Positive Change and the National Summit for Non-Violence. I look forward to the day when such summits are no longer necessary to promote non-violence in our communities. I do hereby declare August 22, 2013, "Black Women for Positive Change National Summit on Non-Violence Day" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luke Ravenstahl".

LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Mayor