

City of Norfolk
Virginia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, violence has escalated in our society during the last decade, affecting people in every walk of life and threatening the safety of children, youth, adults, seniors and families; and

WHEREAS, according to the FBI's 2010 Crime in the U.S. Report, there were 12,996 murders committed nationwide and 369 in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in order to "Change the Culture of Violence in America," we must increase knowledge and training of conflict resolution, mental health resources, parenting skills and non-violence resources as well as encourage anti-violence media campaigns and increase outreach to faith-based institutions making these resources available to everyone; and

WHEREAS, fifty years ago at the August 28, 1963 March on Washington, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. issued a call for non-violence in America and peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create a more fair and just society for all citizens;

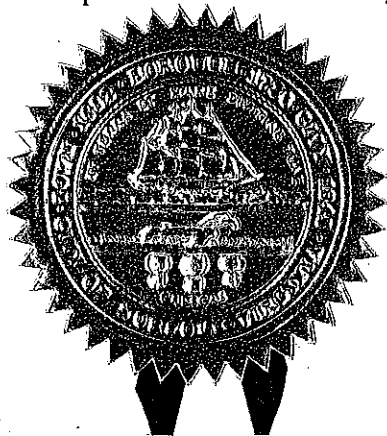
WHEREAS, despite the collective efforts and contributions of millions of citizens, the drumbeat of violence continues to eclipse our national message of love and tolerance and influences our youth towards self-destructive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Black Women for Positive Change, a national civic, volunteer organization, is calling for a National Day of Non-Violence in collaboration with Faith-Based Leaders, National Organizations, Elected Officials and Community Leaders and has organized and implemented a Non-Violence Summit in Washington, D. C. on August 22, 2013.

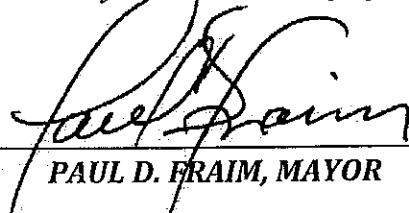
NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL D. FRAIM, Mayor of the City of Norfolk, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2013 as

A DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

in the City of Norfolk and encourage all citizens to participate with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities. This action is taken in concert with other cities across the United States of America to promote a National Day of Non-Violence nationwide.



Given under my hand this 8th day of July 2013.


PAUL D. FRAIM, MAYOR