



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, America's problems with violence within our society has 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; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, there were 9,000 murders committed nationwide using firearms: 6,009 involving handguns, 1,939 involving an unreported weapon type; 358 involving rifles and 373 involving shotguns. (FBI: Crime in the U.S. Report, 2010); and

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. Further, it is in the Nation's best interest to encourage anti-violence media campaigns; to increase outreach to faith based institutions; and to make resources available for action to the entire Nation; 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; and

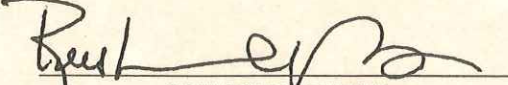
WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., also called for peaceful resolution to conflicts and disagreements in order to create a more fair and just society for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's dream remains a part of the dream unfulfilled; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSHERN L. BAKER, III, COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby recognize the 22nd day of August, 2013 as National Day of Non-Violence, to serve as a reminder of our shared responsibility to end violence in our communities. **FURTHERMORE**, on behalf of the citizens and residents of Prince George's County, I look to the day where such activities are no longer necessary to promote non-violence.




COUNTY EXECUTIVE