



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS: America's problems with violence within our society have escalated, not abated, during the last decade, affecting families in every walk of life and threatening our national security and the safety of youth, adults, and seniors; 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 and to make these resources available for the nation to "Change the Culture of Violence in America"; 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 appealed for a 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, in collaboration with faith-based leaders, national organizations, elected officials, and community leaders, is calling for a National Summit on Non-Violence and Day of Non-Violence.*

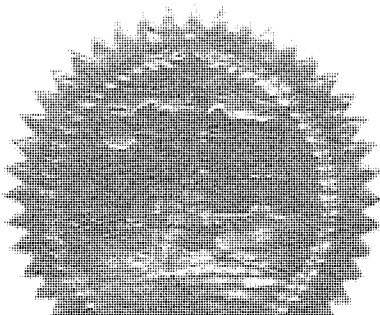
*Now, Therefore, I, William D. Sessoms, Jr., Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, do hereby Proclaim:*

## *August 22, 2013*

# *City-Wide Day of Non-Violence*

*In Virginia Beach, and ask that this day serve as a reminder to all of our shared purpose and for all citizens to promote non-violence with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be affixed this Twentieth day of August, Two Thousand and Thirteen.*



*William D. Sessoms, Jr.*  
Mayor