



**Proclamation Recognizing September 21, 2022
as the International Day of Peace in Traverse City**

WHEREAS, in 1981, the United Nations established the International Day of Peace. In 2001, the UN General Assembly unanimously voted to designate September 21 as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire; and

WHEREAS, achieving true peace entails much more than laying down arms. It requires the building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish. It involves creating a world in which people are treated equally, regardless of their race; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing this day, we in Traverse City, which is a member of the International Cities of Peace, devote ourselves to world and community peace, and encourage all of humankind to work in cooperation toward this goal, for at least this day, and perhaps carrying this day over to the next, and the next, and the next; and

WHEREAS, all are encouraged to celebrate Peace Day in their own way. One may choose to simply clear one's mind for a moment. One may act in service to those less fortunate. One may perform an act of kindness. One may light a candle in remembrance. One may sit in silent meditation; and

WHEREAS, we all know conflict is inherent to life. In days of strife and division in our community and in our country, let us dedicate this day to peace-building, and through our continued efforts create a culture of peace. We will think peace. We will act peace. We will be peace; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Veterans for Peace, I propose all of Traverse City seek peaceful, effective alternatives to conflicts and disagreements of all kinds. A healthier world lies on the horizon, and our eminent responsibility is to serve peace in our families, our community, and throughout the world; and

THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED, I, Richard I. Lewis, Mayor of the City of Traverse City, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2022 as the International Day of Peace in Traverse City.



Richard I. Lewis, Mayor
City of Traverse City
September 15, 2022