



1 victims of violence and to show support for their families, and to recognize and promote  
2 peace workers, peacemakers, and peace organizations that have struggled and continue to  
3 strive to end violence, to improve the human condition, and to bring about greater peace and  
4 well-being to communities, families, and individuals in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana World Peace Day Committee, comprised of  
6 representatives from various religions, religious organizations, cultures, and ethnic  
7 backgrounds, plans activities to observe World Peace Day including exhibits at the State  
8 Capitol, panel discussions and forums, and interfaith ceremonies and encourages World  
9 Peace Day observance by local communities, schools, workplaces, families, and individuals;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the committee has as its mission to create and promote awareness in the  
12 minds of people all over the world about caring and respect for each other as being in the  
13 interest of the individual; to recognize and honor those who have worked and continue to  
14 work for these ideas and values; to promote widespread awareness of and increased support  
15 against violence; and to recognize peacemakers, peace workers, and peace organizations that  
16 have worked and continue to work to end violence; and

17 WHEREAS, the Louisiana World Peace Day Committee seeks to bring greater peace  
18 and well-being to communities, families, and individuals in Louisiana and across the world,  
19 with its theme, "World Peace Begins with You and Me"; and

20 WHEREAS, the committee annually sponsors exhibits during October in the Rotunda  
21 of the State Capitol; and

22 WHEREAS, since 2009, the Louisiana World Peace Day Committee has partnered  
23 with the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, to encourage students to submit an entry  
24 describing the student's vision and ideas of world peace through art, essay, music, poem,  
25 picture, or video, with selected entries being placed on display in the Rotunda of the State  
26 Capitol during October; and

27 WHEREAS, recognition of World Peace Day is a lasting tribute to the dedication and  
28 efforts of the late Dr. Rama C. Mohanty, PhD, peacemaker and founder of the Louisiana  
29 World Peace Day Committee, and his lifelong pursuit of world peace and understanding  
30 among individuals; and

1           WHEREAS, people, communities, organizations, churches, chapels, temples,  
2           synagogues, mosques, and other institutions of worship are urged to come together in  
3           conferences, forums, workshops, and conventions on October 1, 2014, to create mass  
4           awareness against violence, to honor those who have worked and continue to work in the  
5           promotion of peace, and to joyfully celebrate the message of peace with open hearts and  
6           minds.

7           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
8           declare October 1, 2014, as World Peace Day in the state of Louisiana, does hereby  
9           commend and encourage continued diligence against violence in this state and throughout  
10          the nation, and does hereby urge all citizens and all community organizations of Louisiana  
11          to join in this observance.

12          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
13          Louisiana World Peace Day Committee.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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DIGEST

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SCR No. 115

Declares October 1, 2014, as World Peace Day in Louisiana.