

**GRAND COUNTY, UTAH
RESOLUTION NO. ____ (2022)**

SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

WHEREAS, in 1981, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously established The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) as a day for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences, and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace;

WHEREAS, twenty years later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to declare Peace Day as a 24 hour period of non-violence and cease-fire – a complete cessation of hostilities;

WHEREAS, Peace Day is observed around the world on September 21 each year;

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2022 Peace Day is: “**End Racism. Build Peace;**”

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; and it involves creating a world in which people are treated equally, regardless of their race;

WHEREAS, conflicts continue to erupt across the globe, causing people to flee, we have seen race-based discrimination at borders; and, as COVID-19 keeps attacking our communities, we have seen how certain racial groups have been hit much harder than others; and, as economies suffer, we have seen hate speech and violence directed at racial minorities.

WHEREAS, we can work to dismantle the structures that entrench racism in our midst, and we can support movements for equality and human rights everywhere; we can speak out against hate speech – both offline and online; and we can promote anti-racism through education and reparatory justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Grand County Commission as follows:

Section 1: Grand County joins the efforts of the United Nations in working toward a world free of racism and racial discrimination, and encourages all organizations and individuals in the County to observe The International Day of Peace on September 21, 2022 in ways that are meaningful and inspiring to them.

Section 2: Grand County shall facilitate and publicize the observance of Peace Day by providing a meeting space for people to gather for the *Minute of Silence - Moment of Peace* at Noon on September 21 to create a 24-hour “Peace Wave” around the globe.

APPROVED by the Grand County Commission in open session this 20th day of September 2022 by the following vote:

Aye:

Nay:

Abstaining:

Absent:

Grand County Commission

ATTEST:

Jacques Hadler, Chair

Gabriel Woytek, Clerk/Auditor