## Allegheny County Council Proclamation

WHEREAS, the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples"; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace in 2001 to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day; and

WHEREAS, one community at a time, the people of Allegheny County are building a more united, productive, and cooperative county. We are working together to combat the causes of violence, make our communities safer, raise our children to value diversity and respect others and honor the democratic principles that are essential to peace; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is proud to join with the rest of our nation, the United Nations, and people around the world in pledging our commitment to peace, on this day and always;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby proclaim September 21, 2006 as a "Day of Peace" throughout Allegheny County and encourages all citizens to join in this commemoration by volunteering in their community, observing a moment of silence, or with a unique expression of peace.

President of Council

Rich Fitzgerald

Sponsored by All Council Members this 12th day of September, 2006.

Attest:

Clerk of Council