PROCLAMATION
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

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, There is growing support within our City for the observance of the **International Day of Peace**, which affirms a vision of our world at peace, and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations and nations; and

WHEREAS, Global crises impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy does hereby proclaim **September 21, 2007 as International Day of Peace** in the City of Troy and urges all citizens to join us in recognizing this day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council urges all government agencies, organizations, schools, places of worship and individuals in our City to commemorate the **International Day of Peace** including joining the Troy Interfaith Group at their celebration on September 21 at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church to watch the award-winning, interfaith bridge-building documentary "Divine Light Pictures" or any other education and public awareness activities in order to help establish a global day of peace in our homes, our communities and between nations.

Signed the 17th day of September 2007.