



Legislation Text

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Resolution declaring January 15th - 22nd of each year as Peace Week in the City of New York.

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Whereas, January 15th - 22nd, 2015 will mark the 6th annual “NY Peace Week,” in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s legacy of non-violence; and

Whereas, NY Peace Week, organized by LIFE Camp, Inc., was established to address youth violence in New York City neighborhoods; and

Whereas, The goal of NY Peace Week “is to create a culture of peace throughout New York City for the week by hosting an event, performing an activity or simply taking one personal action toward creating inner peace and setting a positive example for youth”; and

Whereas, Peace Week galvanizes the efforts of entertainers, cultural icons, government leaders, educators, athletes and community based organizations to host an event or lend their voice to the message of peace; and

Whereas, NY Peace Week targets 18 to 25 year old tech-savvy, socially active teens, college students and young adults throughout the New York Tri-State Area who are influenced by pop culture and multi-media; and

Whereas, NY Peace Week promotes various events and digital platforms to encourage these individuals to become peer leaders and role models for youth under age 18; and

Whereas, According to the 2010 Census, there are approximately 1.2 million youth aged 15 to 24 living in New York City; and

Whereas, According to data released in 2013 by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“Health Department”), homicide was the leading cause of death among New York City youth aged 15 to 24 between 2009-2011; and

Whereas, The Health Department’s 2013 Epi Research Report, *Firearm Deaths and Injuries in New York City*, revealed that in 2011, New Yorkers aged 15 to 24 had the highest rate of firearm homicide and firearm assault hospitalizations compared with other age groups; and

Whereas, Furthermore, this same report found that young black men aged 15 to 24 experienced the highest rate of violence-related firearm death and injury; and

Whereas, NY Peace Week not only brings about awareness on youth violence, it also encourages people, especially teens and young adults, to become involved in helping to reduce such violence in their communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York declares January 15th - 22nd of each year as Peace Week in the City of New York.

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