

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Rick Kriseman, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Culture of Peace is a set of values, attitudes, modes of behavior and ways of life that reject violence and prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups and nations (UN Resolutions A/RES/52/13: Culture of Peace); and

WHEREAS, peace is not merely the absence of war and violence, but a condition where society has achieved a balance of prosperity, security, justice and hope; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has suggested that for peace and non-violence to prevail communities should promote respect for all human rights; and

WHEREAS, promoting peace would advance understanding, tolerance and solidarity and support participatory communication and the flow of information and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to be a healthy, equitable, City of Compassion for all; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Tampa Bay Area Muslim Association, Inc, The Connection Partners, USF Open Partnership Education Network (OPEN), and the Florida Council of Churches, the City invites all its residents and visitors to come together to promote peace, fellowship, and understanding with one another; and

WHEREAS, the community leaders of St. Petersburg are committed to establishing peace in the region to promote economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of the people of our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Kriseman, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, acknowledge our intent to build and declare the City of St. Petersburg to be an

INTERNATIONAL CITY OF PEACE



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 10th day of January, 2019.


Rick Kriseman
Mayor