

City of Boston

IN

CITY COUNCIL

Boston City Councillors Charles C. Yancey, Chuck Turner & Sam Yoon

May 2009: Boston's Third Annual Peace Month

WHEREAS: There have been at least 15 homicides so far in Boston in 2009 and many of these and other violent crimes have involved youth; and

WHEREAS: The Boston Foundation's *Boston Indicators Report 2002-2004* states that social service intervention would offer greater crime deterrence than law enforcement for 80 percent of gang violence and homicide suspects in the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS: The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's 12th annual Mother's Walk for Peace will bring together hundreds of Boston residents on May 11, 2009 to promote peace and justice and to remember all victims of violence; and

WHEREAS: The Center for Teen Empowerment's 16th annual Youth Peace Conference will bring together 1,000 Boston youth on May 10, 2009 for a day of dialogue around youth violence and the root causes of youth violence; and

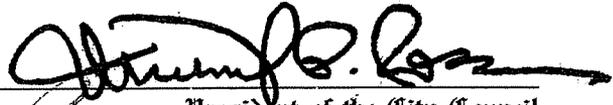
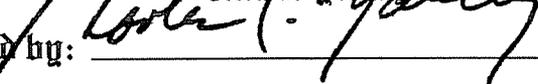
WHEREAS: A calendar of events sponsored by Boston organizations will involve thousands of City residents in efforts to promote peace, tolerance and community during the month of May; and

WHEREAS: Dozens of individuals and organizations have signed on as partners in Boston's Peace Month; Therefore Be It

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, urges residents, organizations, and public officials to participate in Peace Month initiatives and to engage in activities that promote peace, tolerance, justice and community building during the month of May; and Be It Further

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, declares May 2009 as the Third Annual Peace Month in the City of Boston.



By: 
President of the City Council
Attest: 
Clerk of the City of Boston
Offered by: 
Date: April 29, 2009