

Proclamation

City of Cincinnati

Be It Proclaimed:

Whereas, violence has become a daily occurrence and is increasingly threatening our way of life, sense of community and the future of our children; and,

Whereas, history has tragically taught us what happens when people stand by and allow acts of violence to occur; and,

Whereas, people often feel isolated, without hope, and helpless to do anything individually to end violence; and,

Whereas, A Season for NonViolence is a national 64-day educational, media, and grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our communities; and,

Whereas, this international event was inspired by the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors their vision for an empowered, nonviolent world; and,

Whereas, the New Thought Unity Center, the Hillel Jewish Student Center of Cincinnati, the Islamic Association of Cincinnati, and the Center for Peace Education have joined together to gather people of differing faiths in dialog, understanding and a show of solidarity and peace; and,

Whereas, to stand together with all people of good faith across the city and support this effort to push back the rising tide of violence by encouraging peoples of all faiths to come together in understanding, to walk beside one another on Sunday, April 2, 2006, in the Abraham Path for Peace Walk and join thousands of others to say with one voice, "the violence must end, let there be peace."

Now, Therefore, I, Mark Mallory,
Mayor of the City of Cincinnati do hereby proclaim January 31 through April 4, 2006
as

"A Season for NonViolence"

in Cincinnati and call upon the people of Cincinnati, Ohio to observe this season with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "Abraham Path for Peace."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Cincinnati to be affixed this seventh day of March in the year Two Thousand and Six.

*Mark Mallory, Mayor
City of Cincinnati*