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To Whom It May concern,

Earlier this year, the City of Little Rock had the distinct pleasure of working with Ms. Grace Blagdon and Park Central Little Rock on a peace initiative for the community. Park Central Little Rock is working to revitalize our community and believes that peace and reconciliation are the cornerstone of humanitarian needs and that by working together we can make the world a better place for the people and the planet.

In July of this year, the City of Little Rock Board of Directors adopted a Proclamation declaring that January 1, 2009, become "The First Annual Day of World Peace and Reconciliation" in Little Rock, Arkansas. This event is being modeled after the first Peace Day celebrated in Chicago, Illinois on September 7, 1978. It is Park Central Little Rock's hope that this event will take hold in other communities and that churches and non-profit organizations will come together to advocate for the Day of World Peace and Reconciliation.

We realize the importance of working with partnerships and collaboratives to tackle the complex problems facing our communities. We can not do it alone. By working with Park Central Little Rock and others, the City has the opportunity to build partners in the fight against violence and renew this message throughout the year to help our community become a safer place.

You can get involved by declaring January 1, 2009 as a World Day of Peace and Reconciliation and by sharing this message with others. Park Central Little Rock's dream, as is the dream of all others, is to have zero violence in our communities. This is one more instrument that may help achieve this goal.

Attached is a copy of the resolution adopted by the Little Rock City Board. We hope you will join us in embracing this noble effort.

*Mayor Mark Stodola and the City of Little Rock*

Attachment