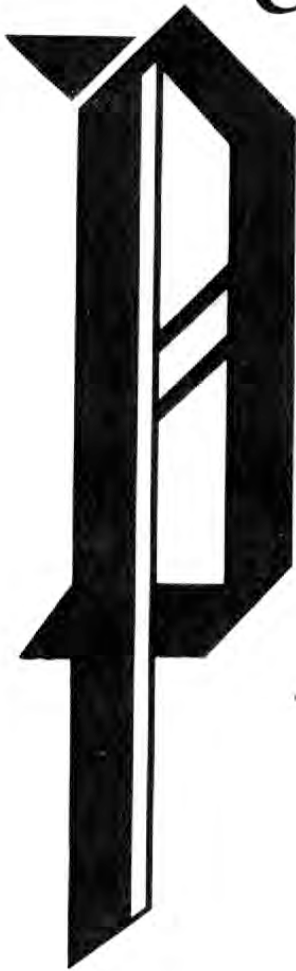


Office of the Mayor

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Proclamation



WHEREAS:

As Mayor of the City of Yonkers, I am pleased to join in the international celebration of **WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK 2013**, and

WHEREAS:

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK is an international opportunity to focus world attention on efforts affirming that dialogue, respect, understanding and cooperation among peoples of all cultures, faiths, traditions and belief systems are fundamental elements of a culture of peace, and

WHEREAS:

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK was unanimously adopted in 2010 by United Nations Resolution as a means of promoting harmony between all people regardless of their faith, and

WHEREAS:

Observed during the first week of February, **WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK** encourages individuals across our City to celebrate interfaith harmony and goodwill according to their own traditions or conviction, and

WHEREAS:

This year, **WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK** will be held at the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart and 2013 marks the first time the observance will take place in a Yonkers House of Worship, and

WHEREAS:

The City of Yonkers raises its voice in tribute to the hosts and organizers of the 2013 **WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK**, including Charles Chesnavage, Event Coordinator and we also recognize Rev. Maurice Moreau, Pastor of the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart for his dedication and devotion to this event.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MIKE SPANO, Mayor of the City of Yonkers, do hereby proclaim this day, the 1st day of February 2013 to 'Kick-Off' :

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK 2013

in the City of Yonkers, and call upon all our residents to join with me promoting harmony between all religions, faiths and beliefs, thereby enhancing mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people across our City and beyond.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Yonkers, New York this 1st day of February 2013.



MIKE SPANO
MAYOR