

Westchester County  
Board of Legislators



# Proclamation

## Whereas

THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, AMERICANS HAVE TURNED TO PRAYER FOR STRENGTH, INSPIRATION, AND SOLIDARITY, AND

**WHEREAS**, ON TODAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013, WE CELEBRATE *THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERRELIGIOUS PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE* THE OBSERVANCE IN ASSOCIATION WITH *WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK* AT THE MONASTERY CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART IN YONKERS, AND

**WHEREAS**, THIS INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE PROVIDES A SPECIAL OCCASION TO PRAY FOR PEACE, CHERISH OUR LOVED ONES, REFLECT UPON THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF ALL BEINGS, AND TO UPLIFT OUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL. WE BRING TOGETHER DIFFERENT FAITH COMMUNITIES IN THE SPIRIT OF HARMONY AND GROWING APPRECIATION. WHILE NURTURING CONFIDENCE IN THE UNIVERSAL POWER OF LOVE AND UNITY FOR ALL, AND

**WHEREAS**, WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK WAS PROCLAIMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 20 OCTOBER 2010. IN THE RESOLUTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, POINTS OUT THAT MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE CONSTITUTE IMPORTANT DIMENSIONS OF A CULTURE OF PEACE AND ESTABLISHES WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK AS A WAY TO PROMOTE HARMONY BETWEEN ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR FAITH, AND

**WHEREAS**, RECOGNIZING THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR DIALOGUE AMONG DIFFERENT FAITHS AND RELIGIONS TO ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, HARMONY AND COOPERATION AMONG PEOPLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGES ALL STATES TO SUPPORT DURING THAT WEEK THE SPREAD OF THE MESSAGE OF INTERFAITH HARMONY AND GOODWILL IN THE WORLD'S CHURCHES, MOSQUES, SYNAGOGUES, TEMPLES AND OTHER PLACES OF WORSHIP, ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS OR CONVICTIONS, AND

**WHEREAS**, *PRAYER* HAS FOLLOWED IT'S MISSION WELL AND HAS HAD MANY SUCCESSES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE CONTINUING TO PROMOTE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND OTHER COMMUNITY AND FAITH LEADERS TO PRAY FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS TO SEEK THE LORD'S GUIDANCE AND STRENGTH AND TO COMMIT TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER AND THE NATION UNDER A CANOPY OF PRAYER IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, AND

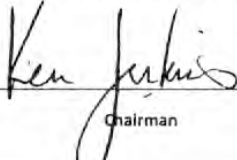
**WHEREAS**, *PRAYER* HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE AMERICAN STORY AND IN SHAPING OUR NATION'S LEADERS SIMPLY BECAUSE DURING THESE MOMENTS OF FERVENT PRAYER, THEY ARE FILLED WITH A SENSE OF COMFORT AND RESOLVE, AND

**WHEREAS**, LET US BE THANKFUL FOR THE LIBERTY THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS TO WORSHIP ACCORDING TO THE DICTATES OF THEIR CONSCIENCE, AND LET US BE THANKFUL FOR THE MANY OTHER FREEDOMS AND BLESSINGS THAT WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS JOIN CHAIRMAN KENNETH W. JENKINS IN RECOGNIZING THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERRELIGIOUS PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE AND DECLARE FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2013 "*WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY DAY*" IN WESTCHESTER, AND, **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE TEXT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO FOREVER KNOW.

Given Under My Hand and Seal this 3<sup>RD</sup> Day of FEBRUARY, 2013

  
Chairman

