

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 0910-0195

**Endorsing United Nations International Day of Peace on September
21, 2010.**

Whereas, in 1981 the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace to be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples", affirming that the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration, and

Whereas, in 2001 the U.N. expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day, being September 21; and

Whereas, when people work together for international peace they are also working for peace within their city and their schools, and when they take actions to inform and support the residents of their own community about peace projects, they are also affecting the global potential for peace; and

Whereas, each student and resident of the city *and* global community therefore needs to be *more informed* about the meanings of peace, and the steps that they each can take to bring about the positive changes that peace would mean in their personal lives and thus in their world; and

Whereas peace is impossible without justice, in our homes, workplaces, schools, and/or community life; so if working for justice year round we are planting the seeds of peace; and

Whereas, there is growing support within the City of Oakland for the observance of the UN International Day of Peace on September 21 of each year, which affirms a vision of our city and our world at peace, and fosters cooperation among individuals, local organizations and nations as they work *throughout each year* to honor this day with a number of planned events throughout the neighborhoods, the schools, arts venues, senior centers, after-school or day-care programs, homeless shelters, and businesses of Oakland in order to involve all citizens; and

Whereas, the desire for Peace as an absence of violence has to begin with the younger generation, the hope is that the definitions, meanings, and causes of peace can be studied and celebrated year – round in all Oakland schools and that all students before or after school hours are urge to voluntarily participate in local observances of Peace Day; and

Whereas, the Oakland Unified School District in cooperation with the City of Oakland, the City of Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission, and many other interested organizations fully supports the objectives of the International Day of Peace and wishes to acknowledges September 21 as a day of peace and non-violence in the City of Oakland,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Board of Education, endorses, supports, and recognizes the observance of September 21, 2010 as United Nations International Day of Peace in the District and urges appropriate observance of same as stated herein.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES: Jody London, Noel Gallo, Alice Spearman, Vice President Christopher Dobbins,
President Gary Yee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hodge

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District at a Regular Meeting held June 9, 2010 at Oakland, CA.



Edgar Rakestraw
Secretary, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

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