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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500-0004

Re: Request to Recognize International Day of Peace

Dear Mr. President

I am the Vice-President of I Declare World Peace, Inc. ("IDWP"). IDWP operates the global I Declare World Peace art project to raise "peace consciousness" through our power-of-intention affirmation, I Declare World Peace. IDWP has interacted with other social-media based peace promoting groups and now joins with others in asking you to consider the following:

Throughout your presidency, you have engaged in dialogue with world leaders, including those with different ideologies and forms of government from ours. Restoring relations with Cuba, working with Iran, exploring solutions in "hot spots", among your other efforts, conforms to our shared vision for a world where diplomacy replaces force as a meaningful vector for peace.

To further your successful initiatives, and consistent with your stature as a Nobel Peace Laureate, IDWP humbly and respectfully urges that you consider becoming the first President of the United States to formally recognize the United Nations International Day of Peace, celebrated annually since 1981.

Last year, on September 21st, now the official date, one billion people celebrated Peace Day. Our common longing for peace can be more quickly fulfilled, if a respected leader shows a willingness to take even incremental steps toward that universal goal. Recognition of Peace Day is one such meaningful, symbolic step toward peace.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully yours

Lawrence R. Gelber

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