



# Putting The **P E A C E** Initiative an End to Abuse through Community Efforts

Alpha Home  
Archdiocese of San Antonio  
AVANCE - San Antonio Area Chapter  
Battered Women's Shelter  
Benedictine Ministries Corporation  
Bexar County Community Resources  
Bexar County Sheriff's Office  
Bexar County Family Justice Center  
Center for Legal and Social Justice, St. Mary's University  
CentroMed  
Communities In Schools - CIS  
Community First Health Plans  
Congregation of Divine Providence  
Counseling Works: Joan Wells  
Dress for Success San Antonio  
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center  
Family Services Association  
Family Violence Counseling Program: Buryle E. Kilday  
Family Violence Prevention Services  
Fuerza Unida  
Friends Meeting of San Antonio  
Hispanas Unidas  
International Women's Day March Committee  
JOVEN  
MATCH/PATCH  
League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area  
National Center for Domestic & Sexual Violence  
Oblate School of Theology  
OLLU Center for Women in Church & Society  
Palo Alto College  
peaceCenter  
Rape Crisis Center for Children & Adults  
San Anto Cultural Arts  
San Antonio College Women's Empowerment Ctr.,  
San Antonio Fatherhood Campaign  
San Antonio Mennonite Church  
San Antonio Police Department, Special Victims Unit, Family Assistance Crisis Teams (F.A.C.T.)  
San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry  
Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R.Ph.  
Southwest Airlines  
Southwest Key  
Texas Moms United  
Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid  
UTHSCSA-Palabra Alliance  
Visitation House  
Voices for Children  
YWCA

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500-0004

Re: 2016 United Nations International Day of Peace, Request to Recognize

Dear Mr. President,

Throughout your Presidency, you have honored your promise to listen to and dialogue with all world leaders, including those with different governing structures and ideological backgrounds. Your commitment to opening relations with Cuba and working with Iran to eliminate their nuclear program illustrates your courageous vision for a world where diplomacy has a seat at the table of peace.

As a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, we humbly request that you enhance your Nobel legacy, becoming the first President of the United States to officially recognize the United Nations International Day of Peace celebrated annually on September 21st.

You will be interested in knowing that on September 21 2015, one billion people across the world celebrated the United Nations International Day of Peace! The people have spoken but governments have not responded.

Since its inception in 1981, no President, Democratic or Republican, has officially recognized the United Nations International Day of Peace. This is your opportunity to inspire the American people to celebrate the idea that peace can be more than a universal hope. This single day is meant to be a seed that can be planted within all hearts, citizens of the United States and global citizens alike, to nurture this most basic of human rights.

Please join these many organizations and individuals that are working every day to build the infrastructures and pathways to peace. Our collaboration is an important effort to help lay the groundwork for achieving peace in our lifetimes.

Mr. President, this is a historic opportunity. Please recognize the International Day of Peace. Unite your legacies as Nobel Laureate with that of a visionary President of United States of America to again make history.

We thank you for your lifetime of service to the American people.

Most Respectfully,

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Have President Obama officially recognize the UN International Day of Peace.

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