

Proclamation

Be it known that

Whereas,

Poems for Peace is a global initiative begun last year in Austin by Subud International Cultural Association (SICA) to celebrate International Peace Day; and,

Whereas,

Poems are found in every culture, every country, every language, age and every walk of life. They are in our nursery rhymes, our music, our holy books, our history, our prayers and our hearts; and,

Whereas,

When we share a poem with someone - through writing, reciting, performing, drawing or singing it - we connect to a place inside of each of us that knows imagination, empathy, compassion, forgiveness, love and respect, the building blocks of humanity and peace; and,

Whereas,

We urge Austinites to join the local festivities celebrating peace at the ZACH that are part of similar activities taking place globally;

Now, Therefore,

I, Lee Jeffingwell, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, do hereby proclaim

September 21, 2013

as

Poems for Peace Day

in Austin.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Austin to be affixed this 20th Day of September in the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Lee Jeffingwell, Mayor, City of Austin

