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**CITY OF ORLANDO - OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

- WHEREAS,** since launching in 2008 at Valencia College, the Peace and Justice Institute has worked to cultivate a culture of peace, resilience and belonging; and
- WHEREAS,** the vision and mission of the Peace and Justice Institute is “All People. All Voices. All Matter.: Making a difference by intentionally engaging in practices and principles that explore, advocate and honor the dignity of self, others and the earth”; and
- WHEREAS,** over the years, the Peace and Justice Institute has led our community through dialogue to address difficult topics, including strengthening police-resident relations and facing the truth of the Ocoee Massacre; and
- WHEREAS,** the organization launched corporate and organizational training in 2015, the Teachers Academy in 2018, and the Creating a Resilient Community Network in 2019 to teach nonviolence and inclusive excellence and to forge resilience, healing and restoration for all people to thrive; and
- WHEREAS,** the Peace and Justice Institute has been recognized with numerous accolades, including the City of Orlando’s Community Builder Award, a Social Justice Game Changer by the Orlando Magic, a Diversity in Business Award from the Orlando Business Journal and designation by the United Nations as a credible pathway to the Culture of Peace; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orlando is grateful for the efforts of the Peace and Justice Institute to help create a stronger community and world for all; and
- WHEREAS,** we join in the celebration of the Peace and Justice Institute’s 15th anniversary and recognize its critical work to create a more inclusive, equitable and compassionate society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Buddy Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando;** hereby do proclaim Thursday, March 2, 2023, as

**“The Peace and Justice Institute 15th Anniversary Day”**

in the City of Orlando.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2023.*

*Buddy Dyer*  
MAYOR