

**BY:** Senator GIANARIS

**COMMEMORATING** the celebration of the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2021 and the display of The Peace Flag Project at the United Nations on the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2021

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize days that bring awareness to the universal goal of peace and harmony; and

**WHEREAS,** The International Day of Peace was first recognized in 1981 as a way to foster a culture of peace and bring international focus to issues impacting global harmony; and

**WHEREAS,** Peace Activism launched The Peace Flag Project in September of 2020, to engage the community on the topic of Peace, Unity and Harmony, both social and environmental; and

**WHEREAS,** The Peace Flag Project joins individuals from around the world who wish to reflect upon humanity through art in all forms; and

**WHEREAS,** The Peace Flag connects 193 countries in common goals of attaining peace, justice, and strong institutions; and

**WHEREAS,** The Peace Flag will be displayed annually at the United Nations on September 21st, the International Day of Peace, and includes contributions from individuals from the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Artistic activism fosters community and provides a mechanism for people to utilize their creativity and personal experiences to effect change and impact the world in a positive way; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the celebration of the International Day of Peace on September 21, 2021 and the display of The Peace Flag Project as a valuable piece of artistic activism and contribution towards peace from the residents of the State of New York, being conducted in honor of this important day; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Peace Flag Project.