

The Greater Atlanta Peace Act - 2014

Founding Resolutions - March 8, 2014

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"Let Peace Ring In 2014!"



[Dedicated in celebration and in memoriam to Mrs. Coretta Scott King, an excellent wife to Dr. King, plus a GREAT Matriarch to her Family, to the Dream, to Atlanta: City of Peace, the U.S.A, our Global Family and to the Third Millennium]

"There is a spirit, a need, and a servant at the beginning of every great human advance. Every one of these must be right for that particular moment of history, or nothing happens."

--- Coretta Scott King (1927-2006)

Whereas today is March 8th, 2014 -- '[The International Women's Day](#)' and their theme is '**Inspiring Change**' to encourage advocacy for women's advancement everywhere in every way, and...

Whereas Mohandas Karamchand (Mahatma) Gandhi proclaimed in 1930, 84 years ago, that: "**If nonviolence is the law of our being, the future is with woman. Who can make a more effective appeal to the heart than woman?**", and...

Whereas it is vital to the collective healthy future of our Global Family that all of us find special ways of honoring the many [Women of Hope](#) in our lives, and doing so we can propel the goal of [Restoring Women to Cultural Memory](#) so that we may better express the deep [Gratitude](#) we have for our births and lives, which will thereby more effectively allow us a [Return To Innocence](#) so we may more adequately feel that [We Are All Connected](#) and better comprehend [Our Place In The Cosmos](#) even ultimately to internalize that essentially [We Are Star Dust](#) and it is so perfectly providential and serendipitous that one day after International Women's Day-2014 the new [COSMOS: A SPACETIME ODYSSEY](#) premieres, and...

Whereas when Coretta Scott King had passed on January 30, 2006 (the same day of the month as Mahatma Gandhi -Jan. 30, 1948) Congressman John Lewis proclaimed:

"Coretta Scott King institutionalized Martin's memory for generations to come -- and so it's not just his memory, but also his method and message. She must be remembered, in my estimation, as one of the founding mothers of the new America"

Whereas it is now 2014 and, 8 years ago, the tragic passing of [Coretta Scott King](#) created a huge void in the HEARTS of Atlanta citizens and in many other activists around the USA & World, then the logical positive response would be to plant into that huge hole, a GREAT Seed & DREAM for growing a gigantic peace garden (please sign our Petition to "[Plant The World's Biggest Peace Garden](#)" which will be best known as [Coretta's Global Peace Garden](#)), and...

Whereas the many admirers of Mrs. King (from around Atlanta & America and even including the many millions of others worldwide) can unite to unequivocally and emphatically better memorialize Mrs. King's GREAT peace legacy to always remember she stated: "**Women, if the soul of the nation is to be saved, I believe that you must become its soul**", and...

Whereas ONE of the other many ways can be an individual and collective commitment to nurture the birth-city of her beloved husband who co-created their family and authored the Dream, plus she co-created the specific plan for developing the Beloved Community - local to global, and...

Whereas doing so, we can proactively 'mine' a GREAT, yet still relatively unknown, asset which [ATLANTA: City of Peace](#) has, and what we have termed: '**The Gandhi-King Global Peace Connection**' and which will eventually result in, among other things, a figurative-marriage between [ATLANTA: City of Peace](#) and [INDIA: The World's Biggest Democracy](#), and...

Whereas [ATLANTA: City of Peace](#) can soon experience a BIG windfall of economic & societal reward through developing projects that nurture our city's GREAT peace legacy - i.e., like '[The Global Peace Museum](#)' which may soon be established next to '[ATL:The World's Busiest Airport](#)', and...

Whereas time & opportunity now gifts [ATL: The World's Busiest Airport](#) with the historic possibility to eventually become '[ATL: The World's 1st Commercial Spaceport for Peace](#)' (via success for '[The Global Peace Flight](#)') and through this Plane venue + many others worldwide, the International Institute for Peace through Tourism (IIPT) can propel "**Tourism: The World's Biggest Peace Industry**" by recommending to all travelers, to pack & share many copies of: '[The Credo of the Peaceful Traveler](#)' [Note: in 1869, Mark Twain, from his book 'The Innocents Abroad' stated... "**Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of people and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the Earth all one's lifetime**"] and...

Whereas Year 2014 is an excellent year for propelling the ideals of Greater Atlanta since it's the 50th Anniversary Year of Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize; his 1964 Nobel Lecture was '[The Quest of Peace and Justice](#)', and...

Whereas [ATLANTA: City of Peace, Inc. \(ACP\)](#) is an early-stage secular & interfaith organization born in the GREAT void created by Mrs. King's passing and that they have been patiently nurturing several major memorial aspirations for as long, plus have been actively supporting [The Gandhi Foundation of USA](#) and [The Gandhi-King Peace Legacy](#), and...

Whereas Alicia Philipp, a major inspiration to ACP's Founder and to many, has been excelling in being '**a mother of the new Atlanta**' through admirably leading, for almost 38 years, [the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta \(G.A.\)](#), and...

Whereas G.A. could proficiently & beneficently adopt ACP + care for it - as Mrs. King has cared for ALL as 'founding mother', and...

Whereas G.A. and ACP can, with the help of Gregory Colvin, Esq. (the fella who literally wrote the book on fiscal sponsorship) craft a compelling fiscal agency agreement so they may professionally commit to working collaboratively, even including the celebration of the two main ways that Gandhi's quote can generate hope for the future:

"If we are to teach real peace in the world... we must begin with the children"

Whereas said 'child' (ACP) will seek to honor said 'mother' (G.A.) by looking for many unique ways to invite deep-pocketed civic, government and business leaders of the world to propel Greater Atlanta's transformation-fund above \$888 million to beyond \$1 Billion, and even towards \$10 Billion, and...

Whereas it seems perfectly fitting that even [Dr. King](#) (from his life, legacy, tomb & perpetual peaceful presence) still reminds & WARNS us to know that: ***"Gandhi was inevitable. If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable.***

He lived, thought and acted, inspired by the vision of humanity evolving toward a world of peace and harmony. We may ignore Gandhi at our own risk", and...

Whereas Mrs. King, ACP's Honorary Matriarch + Founding Mother of the new Atlanta & new America, was an elevating, world-class certified enthusiast and proponent of Gandhi - like Dr. King himself, and also hundreds of millions of others globally, and...

Whereas [the MLK Memorial of the National Mall in Washington, DC](#) was recently opened to the public, plus the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's globally-respected speech ["I Have A Dream"](#) was recently observed (duly noting that he authored that historic speech here in his birthplace -- [ATLANTA: City of Peace](#)), and...

Whereas various civic, business and government leaders from ***"GEORGIA: The Peace State"*** are discovering exciting forward movement and eminent success with their beautiful goal of erecting a statue of Dr. King at the GA State Capitol, and...

Whereas two of the world's most respected and accomplished feature-film producers/directors (Steven Spielberg and Oliver Stone) are now creating epic KING films wherein each will most certainly win multiple Academy Awards (note: GANDHI-the movie won 8 and was nominated for 12), and...

Whereas these future feature-films will indirectly make **Atlanta greater** (placing it 'back on the map') and Dr. King's birthplace and quote can blossom to inspire every sister and brother of our Global Family to be GREAT in the best of ways:

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve"

Whereas every city of the world has its challenges, statistics and circumstances to be constructively addressed, and fortunately for **Greater Atlanta**, plus for those who love it (locally and from around the world) there is a huge groundswell of 'cup-half-full' peacemakers who are committed to focusing on the greater possibilities of Dr. King's birthplace, and...

Whereas Greater Atlanta is uniting with many admirers from everywhere to excel in its opportunities & responsibilities since many are growing to learn of the various eras and 'Acts' that Dr. King's birthplace has been through over its long History (AND with honoring Mrs. King, it is '**Herstory**'), and...

Whereas Act #1 could begin back in 1847 when 'Terminus' was renamed to 'Atlanta' and in 1864 it had burned to the ground during the Civil War and it later had '**risen from the ashes**' like the mythological Phoenix which then became [Atlanta's Official Seal & Symbol](#), and...

Whereas Act #2 could be Atlanta birthing & caring for young Martin up to his beautiful marriage and family with Coretta, and....

Whereas Act #3 could be Atlanta transforming, with Dr. King's help, into a beacon of civil & voting rights for Peace & Justice, and...

Whereas Act #4 could be Atlanta selected as host to the historic 1996-Centennial Olympic Games, primarily because of the worldwide respect of Dr. King's global peace legacy from leaders of many countries, plus the perfect & natural 'fit' with the official ceremony surrounding the lighting of the Olympic Torch and the wonderful symbolism representing a collective bold commitment to peace-THROUGH-sport between peoples of every nation, and...

Whereas Act #5 could be Atlanta birthing the visionary plan of Ryan Gravel to develop the Beltline Track which is setting an international example for how major cities can create dynamic transportation alternatives to lessen auto-addiction, plus it is exciting to know that a big 'peace-seed' has been germinating within Mr. Gravel (a huge inspiration to ACP & many) to formally elevate the Dream by naming the rail-cars ["The Peace Train"](#) so that the global peace legacy of Dr. King's birthplace can be propelled + riders at every neighborhood train station around [ATLANTA: City of Peace](#) may regularly hear: ***"All aboard the Peace Train"***, and...

Whereas Act #6 could be Atlanta deciding its greater service and inspiration-possibilities were way beyond the staid unofficial brand-names like: a) **'Hotlanta'**, b) **'The city too busy to hate'**, c) **'The Birthplace of Southern Hospitality'**, d) **'The Capital of the South'** - representing 8+ states and 88+ million citizens, e) **'The Capital of the Piedmont Atlantic MegaRegion'**, f) **'The Capital of the Americas'** - North, Central & South, and...

Whereas Act #7 could be renewed admiration for Dr. King (like a reference for him & Pres. Carter at ATL Airport) with the swelling excitement around Greater Atlanta's citizens, in particular, as they emphatically and purposely continue to break with the common tendency that is outlined in the most published book of human history that says:

'A prophet (teacher) is honored everywhere except in his hometown'

Whereas Act #8 could be Greater Atlanta's citizens, and all, wondering how Dr. & Mrs. King, and his birthplace could have inspired an average typical citizen to author **'The Declaration of Peace Millennium' (Years 2000-3000)**, making Atlanta central, and to publish it on 08/08/08, the same day that the Beijing Olympic Games opened with the official slogan **"One World, One Dream"** that was actually authored by **George Hirthler**, an Atlantan who had originally offered his GREAT slogan to the 1996-Centennial Olympic Games Organizers (to memorialize Dr. King's great peace legacy), but it was sadly passed over and claimed a dozen years later by China for the '08 Olympics; Note, Mr. Hirthler's slogan had won-out over 210,000 other entries, and...

Whereas a proposed Final Act for Dr. King's birthplace could be **'The Greater Atlanta Peace Act - 2014'** wherein our amazing city is herein nominated and volunteered by many as an IDEAL Global Capital of Peace and "Gift of Inspiration" to our extended family, our entire Global Family and as more of us commit to helping Dr. King's birthplace to seize its historic windows of service-opportunity and it continues to rise-up like the Phoenix with leadership support from the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, from the City of Atlanta, from **ATLANTA: City of Peace Inc**, and many other organizations, corporations and individuals (local-global) it will then better fulfill its possibilities and true destiny of becoming formalized as a Global Capital of Peace - on the scale of, and perhaps to excel beyond, other global peace capitals like the Hague, Geneva and Hiroshima, and...

Whereas with Coretta Scott King (the Peace Millennium's Honorary Matriarch, and our Founding Mother of the New Atlanta, the U.S.A. and World) is ensconced there figuratively, powerfully and beautifully at the head of our inspiration table with her GREAT peace legacy, so she can continue to emanate goodness to all and for countless future International Women's Days, plus for numerous generations into the new era of transformation before us, for the remaining centuries of the Peace Millennium ahead, and even beyond into **'SPACE: The Final Frontier'**, plus the greater frontiers of our hearts, minds, souls & strengths, and...

Whereas it needs to be written and proclaimed regularly, widely and wildly that one of the primary reasons our Global Family has such HOPE for a peaceful future is because of the Great ways in which women, mothers and sisters of our Global Family, from around the world, are rising up into greater leadership roles and greater service, plus in fact, one of the greatest attributes of the female gender (that regularly awes their male counterpart) is their ability to multitask, and so... one of the biggest challenges that men have is this -- to resist being jealous, so instead they are simply finding ways to celebrate the labor of revering and admiring the many talents of women because widely admired **'founding mothers'** and beautiful Matriarchs, like Coretta Scott King, and like the amazing **Dr. Christine King Farris** (she is Dr. M.L. King's beloved big-sister who is a Queen and a King; i.e. **"Our Queen King"**) and with many, many others (local-global) who are providing us all with unparalleled hope for a dynamic future in the Peace Millennium ahead -- and this perspective has been generated from many, like...

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon stated...

"Gender equality and the empowerment of women are gaining ground worldwide."

Anna Quindlan stated...

"The central story of the 2012 Olympiad is that more women than men participated!"

Vinoba Bhave (a Gandhi protégé) stated...

"There is nothing to equal the part my mother played in shaping my mind."

John R. Naugle (a Gandhi-King-Carter proponent) stated...

"My mother was a joyful trail-blazer who taught me to see everyone's value as a sister or brother in our Global Family."

Abraham Lincoln stated:

"Everything that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

An ancient Proverb states...

"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama stated:

"To promote greater compassion, we must pay special attention to the role of women. Given that mothers carry the fetus for months within their own bodies, from a biological point of view women in general possess a greater sensitivity of heart and capacity for empathy. My first teacher of love and compassion was my own mother, who provided me with maximum love."

Kofi Annan, former U.N. Secretary-General, stated...

"There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women."

Shiva Vangara stated:

"Women and Mothers are the true Hope and Power of Third Millennium."

Whereas Coretta Scott King is such an admirable woman, founding mother and excellent matriarchal candidate for the Third Millennium, and in consideration that one of her primary peace teachers was **Gandhi: Man of the Millennium (Years 1000-2000)**, plus knowing the great cause of Peace always deserves our Global Family's support, and in observation of the sad fact that about 280,000,000 million siblings in the 20th Century met tragic & untimely deaths (due to violence) plus learning that many other millions were uprooted from homes and forced into refugee status when the virtue of Peace was ignored, and...

Whereas ['The United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace \(2001-2010\)'](#) successfully networked with more than 80 million people (representing an amazing 160 countries, plus 1000+ peace organizations worldwide) and it substantiated ['The Global Movement for the Culture of Peace'](#) plus birthed new organizations like ['The Golden Change Foundation'](#) (India) which became the Earth's newest peace organization on the 50th Anniversary of Dr. King's globally-respected speech **"I HAVE A DREAM"** Speech, and...

Whereas the great cause of peace continues to sweep the globe and gain momentum, plus the ['Mayors for Peace'](#) organization has currently registered and united 5,912 city-mayors from 158 countries and regions to propel the important virtue of peace, and...

Whereas next year in 2015, Dr. King's birthplace has been graciously selected to host the 15th Annual [World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates](#) (their [website](#) + [Mayor Reed's Announcement](#)) and considering that NOW is the ideal time for every civic, government and business leader to create and support many different types of peace projects so as to royally welcome [many globally-respected peace teachers](#), and to adequately honor Atlanta's three Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, plus its three Nobel Peace Prize Nominees (Senator Sam Nunn, Dr. John E. Endicott, and Ted Turner)... then,

WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE on this 8th day of March 2014 in **ATLANTA: City of Peace** and on International Women's Day that: a) we can emphatically find many special ways to honor **'Coretta'** - our Honorary Founding Mother, and Matriarch, and Great Sister in our Global Family; b) we can all be better characterized by Dr. King's **"fierce urgency of now... because there is such a thing as being too late"**; c) we can all better commit to the great virtues inscribed upon Mrs. King's tomb: Faith, Hope and Love; d) we can all better commit Gandhi's **"Be the Change"** and Dr. King's **"I HAVE A DREAM"** to thereby mitigate much needless suffering, violence and death - local to global, through propelling the education and connection of/with Peace & Justice; and e) we can succeed in helping Greater Atlanta to adopt and incubate the brand, slogan and mission ideals from **ATLANTA: City of Peace** so that ATL can excel in true Greatness; i.e. Service and better fulfill its historic possibilities and true destiny of becoming formalized into a Global Capital, Beacon and Nexus of Peace, as a huge Gift-of-Inspiration for our Global Family and for many future generations into the new era of transformation before us all. Within the vibrant positive shift that is now happening in various corners of the Earth, the majority of the siblings comprising our Global Family are wisely choosing to nurture & cultivate what is right rather than exhaust precious resources to fight what is wrong. It is exciting to know the majority are coming to understand their valuable assets of time, character, creativity, interests and money are finite; that they therefore need to be invested carefully so that dynamic solutions can continue to better launch us all into a peaceful future of service and purpose. Candidly, the costs of failing are too great; herein outlined in this key warning and Proverb from the most published book of human history:

"Without vision, the people perish!"



John R. Naugle stated:

**"10,000 blessings to the City of Atlanta, and
'ATLANTA: City of Peace' towards
the goals of honoring globally-respected Gandhi & King,
plus in fulfilling our GREAT Service possibilities & true destiny."**

Plato (427 BC-347 BC) stated:

**"You know that the beginning is the most important part of any work,
especially in the case of a young and tender thing; for that is the time at which
the character is being formed and the desired impression is more readily taken..."**

Marc Morial, former New Orleans mayor, stated:

**"I can't tell you how to market your city,
but I can tell you the appeal of Atlanta...
To outsiders, you are seen as a shining light.
You are seen as a beacon!"**

R. Buckminster Fuller stated:

**"You never change things by fighting the existing reality.
To change something, build a new model
that makes the existing model obsolete."**

Pericles, born 2,500+ years ago, is considered history's most productive mayor;
it was his city of Athens, Greece that originally birthed the Olympics dream. He stated:

**"All things good on this Earth flow into the City
because of the City's greatness.
Well, we were great once.
Can we not be great again?"**

Plato stated:

"This City is what it is because our citizens are what they are."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama, an official part-time Atlanta resident plus its #3
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, substantiated Atlanta's greatest asset [when he stated](#):

**"Atlanta has a great significance, and it is a great joy
for me to be with you today, the citizens of Atlanta...
Visionaries such as Mahatma Gandhi and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
have shown us that successful changes can be brought about nonviolently.
I believe that, at the basic human level, most of us wish to be peaceful.
Deep down, we desire constructive, fruitful growth and dislike destruction."**

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