

**House Resolution**

**No. 38**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas**

February 16, 2016

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House Resolution No. 38—Relative to Season for Nonviolence.

1 WHEREAS, On a daily basis we are confronted by the challenge  
2 of violence in the form of hate crimes, brutality, domestic abuse,  
3 and other forms of inhumanity; and

4 WHEREAS, Violence takes a terrible physical, mental,  
5 emotional, and financial toll on society; and

6 WHEREAS, Violence prevention and conflict resolution  
7 programs in schools and communities throughout the nation and  
8 world are positively affecting our families and our neighborhoods,  
9 one day at a time; and

10 WHEREAS, Every person can move the world in the direction  
11 of peace through his or her daily nonviolent choices and actions;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, An awareness of nonviolent principles and practices  
14 is a powerful way to heal and transform our lives and communities,  
15 to recognize the dignity and worth of every human being, and to  
16 promote peace and harmony among all people regardless of race,  
17 color, culture, class, language, faith, age, gender, sexual preference,  
18 or other apparent difference; and

19 WHEREAS, The Season for Nonviolence, a national campaign  
20 held January 30 to April 4, inclusive, to mark the memorial  
21 anniversaries of noted nonviolent advocates Mahatma Gandhi and  
22 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., provides an opportunity to educate  
23 citizens about nonviolence; and

1 WHEREAS, The annual 64-day campaign, cofounded in 1998  
2 by Dr. Arun Gandhi and the Association for Global New Thought,  
3 is an educational, media, and grassroots awareness campaign; and

4 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Season for Nonviolence is to  
5 focus education and community action towards attaining peace  
6 and justice in the spirit of Gandhi and King; and

7 WHEREAS, The Season for Nonviolence teaches that every  
8 person can move the world forward in the direction of peace  
9 through daily nonviolent choices and actions. Through media  
10 attention, the Season for Nonviolence also recognizes and  
11 celebrates those who are using nonviolence to build communities  
12 that honor the dignity and worth of every human being; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the  
15 Assembly proclaims January 30, 2016, to April 4, 2016, inclusive,  
16 as the 19th annual Season for Nonviolence, and encourages all  
17 citizens to participate in local, national, and global educational  
18 and community campaigns to honor those who are using  
19 nonviolence to build communities that respect the dignity and  
20 worth of every human being; and be it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
22 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.