

House Resolution

No. 38

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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

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, The Season for Nonviolence teaches that every
19 person can move the world forward in the direction of peace
20 through daily nonviolent choices and actions. Through media
21 attention, the Season for Nonviolence also recognizes and
22 celebrates those who are using nonviolence to build communities
23 that honor the dignity and worth of every human being; now,
24 therefore, be it

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

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