



Office of the
MAYOR
City of Newark, New Jersey

Proclamation

GLOBAL LOVE DAY
May 1, 2017

WHEREAS: GLOBAL LOVE DAY was founded by Harold W. Becker in 2003 and first launched in 2004, created as a way to celebrate our humanity and unity through unconditional love. In his opening letter on the subject, Mr. Becker wrote: "There is nothing we have to ultimately do, rather we need only allow ourselves to feel and be loved. It's that simple. Global Love Day is merely our way of saying let's remember lover is ours to be and to share every moment of our lives;" and

WHEREAS: GLOBAL LOVE DAY has six tenets: "We are one humanity on this planet. All life is interconnected and interdependent. All share in the Universal bond of love. Love begins with self-acceptance and forgiveness. With respect and compassion, we embrace diversity. Together we make a difference through love;" and

WHEREAS: GLOBAL LOVE DAY has grown since its 2004 founding, with organizations, municipalities, states, and nations observing this important event, including an annual Art, Essay, and Poetry Invitational, in which people of all ages can share their creative expressions of global love, ; and

WHEREAS: GLOBAL LOVE DAY is an important effort to unify people across the nation and world in their common humanity - to eliminate the needless and often painful and tragic divisions created by war and violence and bring peace, love, and acceptance across the globe; and

WHEREAS: As Mayor of Newark, I salute GLOBAL LOVE DAY, as the City of Newark joins the Volunteers of the Love Foundation to observe this important event in promoting universal human love, and its core message of unity and love between peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAS J. BARAKA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, do hereby recognize:

GLOBAL LOVE DAY

and I urge all residents, employees, and visitors in the City of Newark to join me in this special tribute to GLOBAL LOVE DAY.

SIGNED: _____
RAS J. BARAKA, MAYOR