

WHEREAS, every person can move the world in the direction of peace through his or her daily nonviolent choices and actions. An awareness of nonviolent principles and practices is a powerful way to heal, transform and empower our lives and communities; and

WHEREAS, the "Choose Peace-Stop Violence" movement serves as an opportunity to recognize the individuals, programs and organizations who are making a difference in our communities and move our society to a more peaceful era; and

WHEREAS, community crime and violence prevention efforts significantly reduce victimization and help rebuild a sense of mutual responsibility and shared pride in our neighborhoods, communities, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, it has been researched and proven that a climate of safety and respect within the home and school is essential for students' academic achievement an overall health; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19 - September 23, 2016, as

Choose Peace - Stop Violence Week

in the City of Margate, and call upon all citizens to recognize this week by dedicating ourselves to the task of promoting non-violence in all aspects of their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 7th day of September 2016.

TOMMY FUZZANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Joyce W. Bryan, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone, Commissioner Frank B. Talerico