

## Proclamation

Whereas the Kansas City region embraces folks from every faith, from A to Z—American Indian to Zoroastrian— with members of these faiths working together on the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council since 1989, and

Whereas Kansas City has been recognized nationally in many ways for its interfaith work, including a half-hour CBS-TV special following the 9/11 terrorist attacks focusing on the work our citizens have done here to promote understanding among our citizens of all faiths, and

Whereas the successful 2001 "Gifts of Pluralism" conference was a model for developing interfaith relationships, and

Whereas a partnership among Harvard University's Pluralism Project, Religions for Peace-USA at the United Nations Plaza, the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council, and the Saint Paul School of Theology, with funding from the Henry Luce Foundation, now makes possible a pilot training program for religious leaders and seminarians, called The Interfaith Academies, the pilot of which will be held in Kansas City June 13-27,

Now therefore I, Mark Funkhouser, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, proclaim June 13-27 an "Interfaith Fortnight" as an opportunity for citizens to celebrate the American tradition of religious liberty, and to welcome the participants from all over the country to our City as they study how interfaith understanding can be strengthened.

Mayor Mark Funkhouser