

Proclamation

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

*W*HEREAS all members of the campus and community are invited to join together in a week of dialogue and reflection; and

*W*HEREAS each member of our community is asked to make a difference in the moral and social climate by participating in this effort to reduce hate violence and build culture of peace throughout the year; and

*W*HEREAS we will all work together to form a stronger community and to promote dignity for ourselves and others; and

*W*HEREAS we will all work together to celebrate community and our participation in it, and to act responsibly and with a commitment to uphold peace, equality and justice for all;

*W*HEREAS members of our campus community will join the world community to honor Mahatma Gandhi, whose life and teachings are acquiring ever increasing significance for the survival of our human civilization, on October 2, 2012, which marks his 143rd birthday;

*W*HEREAS on June 15, 2007 the 61st United Nations General Assembly declared October 2 as "International Day of Nonviolence" to honor Mahatma Gandhi for his enduring legacy to promote culture of peace and nonviolence around the world.

Now, therefore, I, John D. Welty, President of California State University, Fresno do hereby proclaim October 2 to October 6, 2012, as "Stop the Hate, Stop the Violence: Build a Culture of Peace Commemoration" and reiterate that Fresno State will neither condone or tolerate hate-related acts in our community.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2012, California State University, Fresno

John D. Welty
President

