



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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THE GOVERNOR

GREETINGS:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my personal regards to everyone gathered in celebration of One Day In Peace to mark the beginning of a new century.

As the entrusted guardians of our future, we must never forget that our efforts today as individuals, families and communities represent the hopes, the dreams, and the possibilities of tomorrow. Standing at the threshold of the 21st Century, we look to our spiritual strength to lead us at the beckoning of hope and with the confidence of a unified commitment to peace.

As a community, a nation and a world, we must take the time to remember the harsh realities of violence in its many forms, social and spiritual poverty and the tragedies of war so that we may work together for a future in which these atrocities become a distant memory. We gather together on this day to bring hope for a time in which all nations and all people work, in the true spirit of a global community, for a future of unparalleled harmony in which all people enjoy the magnificence of freedom, the splendor of opportunity and the tranquility of peace.

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am proud of your organized efforts to promote peace and commend you for your spirit and enthusiasm. It is dedication such as yours that ensures the sanctity of our Commonwealth, our nation and our world.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I extend my best wishes for a memorable, fulfilling and ultimately successful Day In Peace.



Tom Ridge
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