

RESOLUTION NO. 8384-R6

A RESOLUTION
ENDORISING A CALL TO THE NATION AND ENCOURAGING
A COMMUNITY REALIZATION OF CERTAIN GOALS

WHEREAS, in August, 1963, over 250,000 people, the largest gathering of Americans seeking redress from their government that had ever assembled, gathered in Washington, D.C. to protest racism, violence and poverty, and to demand jobs and freedom; and

WHEREAS, this demonstration was a major factor in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act, and also in awakening public opinion, and therefore contributed to the transformation of American society; and

WHEREAS, the goals of freedom from repression, freedom from poverty, and equality of opportunity proclaimed by that march have yet to be realized for millions of Americans, and the dream spoken of on that day by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has not yet become reality; and

WHEREAS, a new Coalition of Conscience, representing all those who still suffer from poverty, repression or denial of equal opportunity has called for a new march on Washington, on the twentieth anniversary of the original march, with the theme of jobs, peace and freedom, and with special attention to those conditions that threaten jobs, peace and freedom today; and

WHEREAS, this call to the nation has been endorsed by many concerned individuals and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, the issues of jobs, peace and freedom, which concerned the marchers of twenty years ago, are even more critical in today's climate of rising unemployment, especially among blacks and other minorities, an escalating nuclear arms race, and decreasing enforcement of laws designed to protect the civil rights of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Urbana hereby endorses the "Call to the Nation" and designates August 27, 1983, as "Jobs, Peace and Freedom Day".

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Urbana hereby encourages the citizens of this community to work together to further the realization of these goals for all Americans.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of September, 1983.



Ruth S. Brookens
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 9th day of September, 1983.

Jeffrey T. Markland
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor