

Proclamation honoring the Reverend Robert Moore on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of his directorship of the Coalition for Peace Action

Whereas Reverend Moore, shortly after joining the Coalition for Peace Action, organized and sent a chartered Peace Train with 1,400 supporters to the June 12, 1982 NYC Demonstration in support of a Nuclear Weapons Freeze, with 1 million attendees, the largest demonstration in US history, and

Whereas Reverend Moore chaired the effort to promote a Nuclear Weapons Freeze statewide referendum in NJ which resulted in “yes” votes from 2/3 of NJ voters in November 1982, and

Whereas the Coalition for Peace Action co-led a Nuclear Weapons Freeze Lobby Day in Washington, DC with over 600 participants in 1983; and numerous other lobbying efforts in DC, District/State offices, via letters, emails and phone calls conducted in support of anti-nuclear and peace legislation, and

Whereas public pressure on President Reagan forced him to resume nuclear negotiations with the USSR, which led to the first nuclear reduction treaty in history which verifiably eliminated medium range nuclear weapons for the US and USSR in 1987. Subsequently, the Coalition For Peace Action mobilized in support of START Treaties through 2010 that reduced global nuclear arsenals by over 85%, and

Whereas the Coalition for Peace Action lobbied strongly for a binding US Nuclear Testing Moratorium which became law in 1992, preventing US nuclear testing to this day, and

Whereas Reverend Moore co-founded and remains in leadership of two national multifaith efforts: National Religious Campaign Against Torture; and Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare, and

Whereas the Coalition for Peace Action co-organized numerous large protests and lobby efforts against the Iraq War both in Washington, DC and within our region, from before the war started in March 2003. In response to public pressure, President Bush set a 2011 deadline for withdrawal, and President Obama implemented it, and

Whereas the Coalition for Peace Action collaborated with groups across the country to support the successful Iran Nuclear Agreement in 2015, which kept Iran at least one year away from having nuclear weapons capability, and

Whereas the Coalition for Peace Action conducted the first **Peace Voter Campaign** in the nation in 1995, distributing Peace Voter Guides comparing major party candidates on major peace issues. The model was replicated across the country, and continues to this day, and

Whereas the Coalition for Peace Action pioneered innovative organizing campaign tools now used across the country, including: Peace Voter Signature Ads published in newspapers in targeted races in over 5 million newspapers to date; and non-partisan Candidate Briefings given by CFPA experts and organizational leaders to Major Party candidates before Primaries and General Elections, over 100 briefings conducted to date; and

Whereas the Coalition’s **Ceasefire NJ Campaign** under CFPA's umbrella has helped pass over 20 gun safety bills in NJ since 2010, and

Whereas the Coalition initiated the first in the nation **Diplomacy, Not War Campaign** in 2013, and

Whereas the Coalition initiated the first in the nation **No Wars, No Warming Campaign**, linking climate crisis with peacemaking, in 2015, and

Whereas the Coalition has continued to organize an Annual Conference and Multifaith Service for Peace every autumn from 1980 to present, with attendance averaging over 500 per year, and

Whereas the Coalition’s Annual Membership Gathering, organized every June since 1982, continues to draw attendance ranging from 125 to 500, and

Whereas the Coalition has co-sponsored with Princeton Clergy Association an annual Martin Luther King Multifaith Service every January since 1986, with average attendance of 300, and

Whereas the Coalition established chapters into Southeastern PA in 2004, with ongoing staff to oversee the grassroots work in that swing area, now therefore

Be it resolved that Princeton Council wishes to commend Reverend Moore for his visionary leadership and long-term service to the Coalition for Peace Action, the Princeton community, the nation, and the world, and

Be it further resolved that Princeton Council declare September 8th, 2021 to be Reverend Robert Moore Day in Princeton.