

PROCLAMATION

Of The City Of New Haven

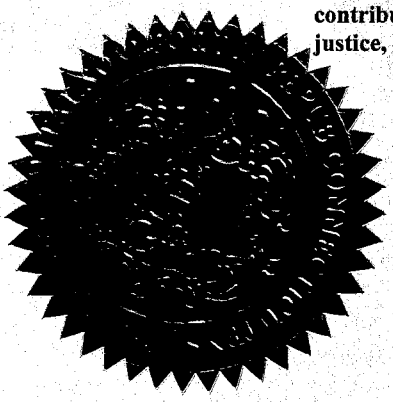
DECLARING
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE DAY
JULY 17, 2007

- WHEREAS, During this century millions of children, women and men have been victims of unimaginable activities that deeply shock the conscience of humanity; and
- WHEREAS, Grave crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes threaten the peace, security and well-being of the world; and
- WHEREAS, Those responsible for such crimes have largely gone unpunished throughout history; and
- WHEREAS, Efforts to hold those responsible for such crimes will contribute to prevention and serve as a catalyst for ending the armed conflicts in which such crimes are often committed; and
- WHEREAS, It is the common responsibility of all counties to work together to ensure that perpetrators of such crimes are brought to justice; and
- WHEREAS, On July 17, 1998 governments from throughout the world came together in Rome, Italy, to establish the International Criminal Court (ICC), the world's first permanent court to prosecute individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, when the courts of the countries in which these crimes were committed are unable or unwilling to do so; and
- WHEREAS, The ICC is today investigating those responsible for atrocities perpetrated in Northern Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan which together represent some of the most protracted violent conflicts in the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I as Mayor of the City of New Haven am honored to declare this day, Tuesday, July 17, 2007 as International Justice Day in the City of New Haven, and urge all residents to join in observance of and participate in activities to recognize the important contribution of the International Criminal Court to the advancement of justice, peace and security throughout the world, I hereby proclaim:

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE DAY
JULY 17, 2007
CITY OF NEW HAVEN

Dated this 17th Day of July, 2007.



John DeStefano, Jr.
John DeStefano, Jr. Mayor