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*City of Milwaukee Common Council*

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## **Council President Hamilton urges community support for “Violence Prevention Month”**

For the second year, the City of Milwaukee will recognize May as Violence Prevention Month. **Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton**, the city’s Office of Violence Prevention, the Milwaukee Police Department and many other partners throughout the city have dedicated their full support to this annual initiative with a slate of events that are planned throughout the month (please see the attached list of events).

“As city leaders, we constantly strive to reduce violence, especially during the summer months when crime spikes the most,” President Hamilton said. “We encourage residents to take action to promote peace where they live, work, worship and play. This is an important opportunity to speak out and take a proactive stand against violence in every form.”

President Hamilton said that the community needs to band together to prevent crime and protect their neighborhoods by vigilantly maintaining awareness of the area and calling police if they observe suspicious behavior.

“The Milwaukee Police Department supports efforts to recognize May as Violence Prevention Month and is committed to reducing violence every month of the year,” Police Chief Edward Flynn said. “Our recent announcement that Milwaukee is joining the U.S. Department of Justice’s Violence Reduction Network highlights our desire to work with partners, both in law enforcement and in the community, to adopt comprehensive crime-fighting strategies.”

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## **Violence Prevention/ADD ONE**

The City's Office of Violence Prevention backs efforts throughout the city that promote peace through youth engagement and strong neighborhoods. Its efforts are part of a critical partnership with community institutions like the Milwaukee Police Department. Together they promote peace and build community year-round.

President Hamilton asked residents to support and participate in the planned violence prevention events. He invites neighbors to contact the Office of Violence Prevention (414-286-8553) for information about city efforts to address violence through effective resident engagement, education and coordinated intervention.

Violence Prevention Month events range from an "International Stop the Violence Prayer Walk" on May 21<sup>st</sup> at King Solomon Baptist Church to a "Heal the Hood" block party at N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Keefe Avenue on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.



**MAY IS  
VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION  
MONTH**

elder abuse gang  
emotional racial  
sexual domestic  
spiritual verbal  
gang workplace  
elder abuse  
child abuse  
cultural  
youth bullying  
animal family



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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ORGANIZATION
5/5	8:00 AM	PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL *LUIS SANTIAGO*	1424 S. 31 <sup>ST</sup> STREET	PEACE GARDEN PROJECT
5/7	2:00 PM	PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL *J'ROME HOOD*	5535 N. 35 <sup>TH</sup> STREET	PEACE GARDEN PROJECT
5/8	10 AM - 3PM	MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH FOR CHILDREN LOST TO GUN VIOLENCE	ASTOR HOTEL	
5/8	2:00 PM	PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL *ANTHONY B. MARTIN*	2464 N. 48 <sup>TH</sup> STREET	PEACE GARDEN PROJECT
5/12	8AM - 10AM	MAYOR'S CEASEFIRE SABBATH BREAKFAST	WAY OF THE CROSS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	MAYOR TOM BARRETT
5/12	6:30PM - 8:30PM	ILLUMINATE YOUTH ARTS SHOWCASE	MILWAUKEE THEATRE	
5/14	11AM - 1PM	MILWAUKEE THE BEAUTIFUL ART SHOW	NEULIFE COMMUNITY CENTER	
5/14	4PM - 8PM	PICNIC FOR PEACE	KERN PARK	
5/15	2:00 PM	PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL *KENDRAI WALKER *	3124 N. 29 <sup>TH</sup> STREET	PEACE GARDEN PROJECT
5/20	4PM - 7PM	WESTSIDE ACADEMY HEALTH FAIR	WESTSIDE ACADEMY	
5/20	1:30PM - 3:30PM	KATHERINE T DANIELS COMMUNITY DAY AGAINST VIOLENCE AND DRUG ABUSE	KATHERINE T DANIELS ACADEMY	
5/21	11AM - 3PM	INTERNATIONAL PRAYER WALK AND BLOCK PARTY	KING SOLOMON BAPTIST CHURCH	TRACEY DENT
5/21	9:00 AM - NOON	TEEN SUMMIT	BARACK OBAMA ACADEMY	BMAC
5/28	2:00 PM	PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL *RAHKEI WASHINGTON *	TBD	PEACE GARDEN PROJECT
5/28 - 5/29	12PM - 5PM	HEAL THE HOOD BLOCK PARTY	1 <sup>ST</sup> & KEEFE <sup>AVE</sup>	HEAL THE HOOD

# RESOLUTION 141587

This resolution designates May, commencing May 2015, as the annual Violence Prevention Month to promote non-violence in the city of Milwaukee, and urges all city residents, neighborhoods, non-profit and faith-based organizations to join in the effort to reduce violence in the city.

## Action:

Adopted by the Common Council : 03/03/2015

Signed by Mayor Barrett: 03/10/2015

## Sponsors:

Ald. Hamilton, Ald. Coggs, Ald. Kovac, Ald. Wade, Ald. Stamper, Ald. Donovan, Ald. Puente, Ald. Davis

# RESOURCES

<b>Sojourner Family Peace Center</b> .....	414-933-2722
<b>Hmong American Women's Center</b> .....	414-462-5031
<b>Asha Family Services</b> .....	414-875-1511
<b>The Healing Center</b> .....	414-671-4325
<b>Project Ujima</b> .....	414-266-2557
<b>Child Protection Center</b> .....	414-277-8980
<b>National Domestic Violence Hotline</b> .....	1-800-799-7233
<b>National Human Trafficking Res. Ctr</b> .....	1-888-373-7888
<b>Sexual Assault Treatment Center</b> .....	414-219-5555
<b>Psychiatric &amp; Suicide Prevention Hotline</b> .....	414-257-7222
<b>Safe Path</b> (youth sexual violence questions) .....	414-271-9523
<b>Milwaukee Women's Center</b> .....	414-449-4777
<b>The Parenting Network</b> .....	414-671-0566
<b>Pathfinders</b> (Youth Survivors of Sex. Abuse) .....	414-964-2565
<b>HOPE</b> (Helping Offenders Process Emotions) .....	414-390-5800
<b>YWCA Transitional Housing Program</b> .....	414-442-7880

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