

City of
PEORIA
Proclamation

Whereas, during this century millions of children, women and men have been victims of unimaginable atrocities 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

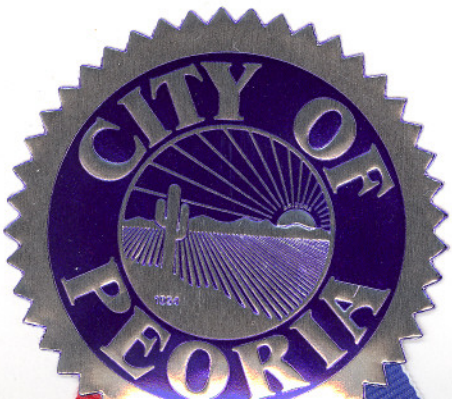
Whereas, it is the common responsibility of all countries to work together to ensure that perpetrators of such crimes are brought to justice; and

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; and

Now, Therefore, I, Bob Barrett, Mayor of the City of Peoria, do hereby proclaim July 17, 2007 as International Justice Day in the City of Peoria and urge residents to recognize the important contribution of the International Criminal Court to the advancement of justice, peace and security throughout the world.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Peoria, Arizona to be affixed this 12th day of July 2007.



Bob Barrett
Bob Barrett, Mayor