

# Proclamation



## THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: August 19, 2004

**WHEREAS**, Chief Arvol Looking Horse, 19<sup>th</sup> Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Peoples of the great Sioux nation and honorary citizen of his beloved New Orleans did request special prayers for the healing of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, Parnell Herbert, concerned about the rising murder rate here in New Orleans, did gather a group of community leaders to address this issue; and

**WHEREAS**, among this group Dakota Sundancer and Spirit Warrior Tatanka Ohitika (Strong Buffalo) did offer to bring medicine man Richard Moves Camp here to perform a "Wiping of the Tears" ceremony as a step towards healing this suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, this group of community leaders did agree to gather together ministers, military veterans, Muslims, Christians, poets, rappers, Mardi Gras Indians and indigenous peoples for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004, this group led by Bro Jim Hayes, Bro. Parnell Herbert, Bro King Wilkerson, Bro. Malik Rahim, Bro. Ron Chisom, Rev. Dwight Webster, Rev. Kojo Livingston, Minister Willie Mohammed, Rev. Goat Carson, and Warrior Tatanka Ohitika did gather the people ~ together including 40 rappers who acknowledge the negative impact of their music and promise to make positive statement ~ at St. Augustine's Catholic church in New Orleans for prayer and inspiration. They did proceed from there to Congo Square for the wiping of the tears ceremony led by Medicine Man Richard Moves Camp; now, therefore

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, that this Council declares

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**shall be**

**THE TENTH ANNUAL WHITE BUFFALO DAY**

**and**

**joins the prayers of**

**RICHARD MOVES CAMP**

**WIPING OF THE TEARS CEREMONY**

**recognizing**

**the darkness of violence can only be dispelled by the light of**

**Forgiveness**

At the request of Councilmember Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson

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Eddie L. Sapir  
City Council President

Handwritten signature of John A. Batt, Jr. in blue ink.

John A. Batt, Jr.  
Councilmember District "A"

Handwritten signature of Oliver M. Thomas, Jr. in blue ink.

Oliver M. Thomas, Jr.  
Councilmember-at-Large

Handwritten signature of Renee Gill Pratt in blue ink.

Renee Gill Pratt  
Councilmember District "B"