



Proclamation

WHEREAS, United Religions Initiative is a global interfaith organization whose purpose is to promote enduring, daily interfaith cooperation, to end religiously motivated violence and to create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings; and

WHEREAS welcoming the initiative of Interfaith Peace-building Initiative a URI CC in Ethiopia to proclaim the Golden Rule Day; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years the **GOLDEN RULE**, which says "**TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED**" has been affirmed in many religions, traditions, indigenous cultures and secular philosophies as a fundamental principle of life and the foundation on which a global ethic is founded; and

WHEREAS, the **Golden Rule** is a universal message which is accepted and embraced throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the **Golden Rule** is the best tool to educate people about respect and mutual esteem in order to achieve peaceful coexistence and solidarity among members of different ethnic groups, cultures and religions; and

WHEREAS, the **Golden Rule** plays a major role in promoting the culture of dialogue so that understanding and trust may develop among individuals and peoples as these are the conditions of authentic peace; and

WHEREAS, the **Golden Rule** message is simple, universal and powerful and it is the most prevalent and universal moral principle in human history;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, **United Religions Initiative**, does hereby proclaim **April 5** as

GOLDEN RULE DAY

June 9th, 2009, San Francisco, CA, USA,

Rev. Charles Gibbs, Executive Director

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH