

Whereas 2025 marks the 10th anniversary of Human Values Day; and

Whereas raising and increasing the awareness of the basic Human Values of truth, right conduct, peace, love, and non-violence, as well as all the multiple sub values like honesty, integrity, kindness and caring in the City of Kingston is a primary goal of this wonderful city; and

Whereas these values are inherent in all creeds, countries, cultures, and communities, making these values truly "values without borders"; and

Whereas reducing and even erasing the incidents of violence of all types in our communities and our city will bring peace and progress in all aspects and activities of this city; and

Whereas unlike other walks, Walk for Values is not a fund-raiser, but a way to make the city richer and healthier by pledging our commitment to practice these human values, and be motivated to serve our community through volunteer work, or by donating blood or food for the needy; and

Whereas Walk for Values is designed to raise the awareness of Human Values and to promote individual responsibility towards the collective future of humanity, Walk for Values is a platform to educate people on the importance of practicing these five Human Values in daily life and the awareness it creates in the making of enlightened citizens for universal peace.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim April 24, 2025 as "Human Rights Day" in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 19th day of March, 2025.

Bryan Paterson Mayor