



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Commemorate July 17<sup>th</sup> as World Day of International Justice in the City of Columbus

**WHEREAS**, every year on July 17, World Day for International Justice is observed all around the world. The purpose of the day is to promote international criminal justice and as a way of supporting the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

**WHEREAS**, It came about when 120 states adopted a statute in Rome. It was known as the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court ("the Rome Statute"). All the countries that agreed to adopt the statute were accepting the jurisdiction of the ICC, with regards the prosecution of very serious crimes. The idea was not for the ICC to replace national courts. It is only able to intervene when a country can't or won't carry out investigations and prosecute perpetrators.

**WHEREAS**, The International Criminal Court (ICC) is the only permanent Criminal Court which holds crimes against humanity accountable, war crimes, and perpetrators of genocide.

**WHEREAS**, The aim of this day is to unite everyone who wants to support justice as well as promote victims rights. It is to help prevent serious crimes and those that put the peace, security and well-being of the world at risk.

**WHEREAS** Every year around the world, people organized many events on this day, Newspapers, news channels, and radio also engage in spreading support for International Justice Day and especially do support for the International Criminal Court.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize July 17<sup>th</sup> as World Day of International Justice in the City of Columbus