

**MOTION: PRINCIPI**

**October 17, 2017  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No.17-511**

**SECOND: NOHE**

**RE: PROCLAIM – OCTOBER 22, 2017 – BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH  
OF BAHÁ'U'LLAH**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**WHEREAS**, October 21-22, 2017, marks the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Birth of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith; and

**WHEREAS**, Baha'u'llah called for fellowship and collaboration among the followers of all religions, while religious hatred and fanaticism continue to fuel violence, tyranny, and terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, Baha'u'llah taught that humanity is one family and called for the elimination of racism and racial prejudice, while racism remains a persistent evil; and

**WHEREAS**, Baha'u'llah affirmed the equality of woman and men, while the oppression of women still holds back the progress of so many societies; and

**WHEREAS**, Baha'u'llah declared that universal education is required for societies to succeed, while universal access to education is still unattained; and

**WHEREAS**, Baha'u'llah called for limits on the extremes of poverty and wealth, while billions still lived in destitution and a large portion of the world's wealth is owned by a few elites; and

**WHEREAS**, Baha'u'llah urged the leaders of the world to abandon their nationalistic rivalries and create a system of collective security, while their failure to do this has caused two world wars, multiple other conflicts, and massive global destabilization; and

**WHEREAS**, the wide gap between these ideals and the state of the world calls for people of all faiths and no faith to rise above narrow partisanship and work together for human understanding and peace;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby, recognize the significance of this bicentenary, urges all citizens to work for the realization of the principles of peace, justice, and human solidarity promoted by Baha'u'llah;

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 22, 2017, as Bicentenary of The Birth of Baha'u'llah.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Anderson, Caddigan, Candland, Jenkins, Nohe, Principi, Stewart

**Nays:** Lawson

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** None

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Clerk to the Board