



National Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year millions of lives are affected by traumatic or insidious injuries that accompany the aftermath of war, violence, abuse, neglect, betrayal, or serious illness; and

WHEREAS, the mental and emotional distress that accompany these injuries often goes unrecognized, untreated, and misunderstood, creating a gaping hole in our society that is filled with *Unmourned Loss* and *Unforgiven Guilt/Shame*; and

WHEREAS, *Unmourned Loss and Unforgiven Guilt/Shame* are generating overlooked, unassessed *SOUL INJURIES* that cause emotional pain, sabotage lives, and lead to increased levels of fear, strife, hatred, violence, despair, and suicide in our society; and

WHEREAS, these *SOUL INJURIES* separate one from their “real” self and cause them to feel personally defective, inadequate, or unworthy; and

WHEREAS, there is a blatant cultural fear surrounding emotional pain, guilt, and shame; and

WHEREAS, individuals are encouraged to minimize, deny, and numb their emotional pain, guilt, and shame; and

WHEREAS, the traumatic and insidious effects of *SOUL INJURY* can be eased by raising community awareness, providing professional education/training, and teaching individuals how to re-own, re-home, and re-vitalize scattered pieces of self carrying the *SOUL INJURY*; and

WHEREAS, healing individual *SOUL INJURIES* can lead to healing the *SOUL INJURIES* our Nation has suffered through war, terror, and divisiveness which can lead to a renewed sense of wholeness for our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, we petition Congress to declare January

National Soul Injury Awareness Month

in the United States of America, and encourage citizens, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about *SOUL INJURY* by:

- Promoting dialogue on *SOUL INJURY* among family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, faith and civic-community members
- Hosting a community-engagement event on *SOUL INJURY*
- Participating in monthly *SOUL INJURY* insight assignments during the year



Opus Peace
Soul Injury

- Wearing an “Ask Me about *SOUL INJURY*” button
- **Signing this petition on www.Change.org →search Soul Injury or Opus Peace**
- Visit : www.OpusPeace.org or www.soulinjury.org