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COUNTY *of* KINGS

Municipal Message

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**International Youth Day:**

**A message from the Municipality of the County of Kings**

International Youth Day was first suggested by a group of innovative youth attending the United Nations (UN) World Youth Forum in 1991. However, the day was not officially recognized and proclaimed until 1998 at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth. The committee hoped the day would be accompanied by programming and activities to assist in raising awareness for the World Program of Action for Youth. Since its recognition, August 12 has been a day to bring awareness to youth-specific issues, and the importance of uplifting and supporting our youth.

In 2022, the UN chose the International Youth Day theme to be *Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All* to highlight the importance of intergenerational relationships and solidarity throughout all age groups. This theme also shines a light on the fight against ageism, which disproportionately affects youth and the elderly. Through fostering healthy and happy intergenerational community dialogue and relationships, we can help reduce stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination based on age and guarantee no one is left behind.

The Municipality of the County of Kings is eternally grateful for the wonderful and invaluable contributions youth have made toward the wellbeing of their community. The Municipality formally commits, through the Strategy for Belonging, to strengthen communities, diversity, and responsible advocacy through the Key Strategic Priorities to achieve the vision of “a community of communities where all people belong.”

To learn more about International Youth Day and this year’s theme, visit <https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/iyd2022.html>