

# Proclamation



## THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: August 21, 2003

**WHEREAS**, Chief Avrol Looking Horse, 19<sup>th</sup> Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota peoples of the Great Sioux Nation and Honorary Citizen of his beloved New Orleans, did request a cultural exchange between his nations and the city of New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, with the assistance of Council Members, Clarkson and Sapir, among others Reverend Goat Carson did bring Chief Victor Harris of FiYiYi Mardi Gras Indians, his Drum, and his children to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, they were received there by Chief Looking Horse, the Tribal Council, and Cheryl Red Bear and did attend the first day of Sundance at Green Grass and to share the sacred pipe with the Sundancers. They also performed on August 8, 2003 at a benefit concert where Sitting Bull did drum with FiYiYi. Then on the last day, August 9, 2003 FiYiYi did dance at the White Horse Pow Wow where they were honored by a special Honoring Drum Song and Dance, in which every man, woman, and child at the Pow Wow did personally shake their hands and thanked them for coming; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 27, 2003, the same group did gather and relayed their story at Saint Augustine's Catholic Church located on Saint Claude Avenue in New Orleans; and

**WHEREAS**, they did parade from the church to the sacred ground of Congo Square where the children did lead the people in prayers for unity, peace, and healing for all peoples and all nations of this world; now, therefore

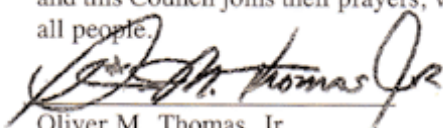
**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**,  
that this day

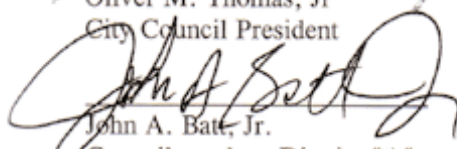
**August 27, 2003**

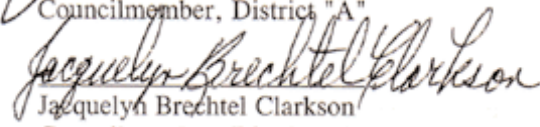
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**THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WHITE BUFFALO DAY**

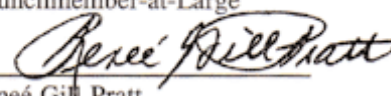
and this Council joins their prayers, with the prayers of these children for unity, peace, and healing for all people.


  
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