

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 personhood 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
- Wearing an “Ask Me about SOUL INJURY®” button