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Media Alert

Senator Harry Reid Supports Grassroots Effort to Stop Terrorism

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Washington, DC (December 30, 2009) - Senator Harry Reid, speaking on the value of Global Family Day, January 1, 2010, "Global Family Day should serve as a reminder that reducing hate and hunger both in Nevada and around the world is something each of us should focus on throughout the year. I thank Linda Grover for founding Global Family Day and for her tireless efforts to rally Nevadans and all Americans around this very worthwhile cause."

As the reality of global terrorism dominates the minds of Americans, people of good will are offering global solutions. Global Family Programs offered a \$1000 scholarship for the best essay urging President Obama to recognize Global Family Day, A Day of Peace and Sharing. Essays were submitted from all over the world. The winning essay selected by Linda Grover, co-founder of Global Family Day, authored by Mary Ellen O'Brien of Mesa, Arizona is offered here in its entirety. The letter is printed in today's Honolulu Star Bulletin.

Dear President Obama:

As the countdown to a new year and a new decade carries us forth to January 1st, 2010, hope rises around the world that this New Year's Day will ring in more than revelry and resolutions that soon fade. There is a burgeoning hope that the holiday itself will become a potent symbol of peace, compassion, and world-wide sharing—indeed, a symbol of the will of the people of the world—the will for peace.

In honor of a new decade in a century in its youth, we ask that you issue a proclamation annually which calls upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, a day of peace and sharing among all the peoples of the world, across every border and culture, promoting understanding, non-violent conflict resolution, the eradication of hunger and poverty, and respect for all as bound together as one in the human family, as outlined in detail in S. Res. 357 and H. Con. Res. 221.

Global Family Day calls for the ringing of a bell or the beating of a drum to sound the call that we are one in our desire for peace and sustenance around the world. We ask that you ring in this New Year with a nod to our own Liberty Bell, resounding again with the liberty that is only possible where there is peace and responsible sharing of resources.

We await a presidential proclamation—where the drums that beat on New Year's Day are the rhythmic sound of peace.

Linda Grover, Co-founder's amazing work has already been endorsed twice by Congress and the UN General Assembly. More recently Senators Reid and Inouye, and Reps. Conyers and Kucinich introduced new resolutions S. Res. 357 and House concurrent resolution H.Con.Res. 221 in support of Global Family Day. We are hopeful that President Obama will acknowledge Global Family Day, which will further inspire positive outreach to Nations.

As we end 2009 with an attempted terrorist attack, it's a good time to focus on creating a more peaceful world by celebrating Globalfamily Day. Celebrate peace as we start a new decade.

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Globalfamily Day is an international day of peace and sharing to be celebrated every January 1 by the citizens of the world. It is a day where individuals and families share food with friends (especially the needy), make personal pledges of non-violence, and spread a message of peace and sharing by ringing bells or beating a drum in hopes of making society and the world a safer place to live.