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joy

take action!

**Celebrate someone in your community who works each day to make the world a better place for all of us. Use the attached postcard to create a colorful message of joy and gratitude in their honor—and then mail it!**

*"Having a lot of friends makes me feel joyful."*

—Avery Nortonsmith, age 7

- ✎ **Resist individualism!**  
Throw an Interdependence Day gathering on July 4!
- ✎ **Mark your calendar for one or more cultural festivals happening in our area this summer.**
- ✎ **Did you know that the Emancipation Proclamation was one in a line of abolition decrees? Celebrate incremental justice. Take joy in each small victory.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY						
<b>Getting sensitive to language</b> Some common idioms make denigrating references to certain nationalities. It's helpful to know the origins of these idioms in order to recognize the stereotypes they perpetuate and to change this bias in our language. Here are a few examples and suggested alternatives: "Welsh on a bet" implies that Welsh people are cheaters and untrustworthy. Try, "renege on a bet." "Get off Scot free" implies that Scots don't take responsibility for their actions. Try, "took no responsibility." "A Chinaman's chance" is a reference to the few Chinese prisoners who survived the railroad-building camps of WW II and makes light of that tragedy. Try, "a slim chance."				<i>Joyful Noise Gospel Choir</i> began in 1999 with the purpose of providing support for Black people in the greater Northampton area, and of having a place to join with others in an activity grounded in the African American faith community of gospel music and spirituals. Information: Caissa, 413.533.8031 cami1000@yahoo.com <b>1</b>		<i>"Our lives extend beyond our skins, in radical interdependence with the rest of the world."</i> —Joanna Macy, scholar of Buddhism, general systems theory, and deep ecology <b>2</b>		Heads Up: Celebrate Holyoke, Heritage Park, Holyoke, late August Information: www.valleyvisitor.com <b>3</b>				
Why not celebrate July 4th as Interdependence Day? The U.S. is a nation with 28.4 million people who are internationally born. Citizens from around the world enrich what it means to be North American. Our interdependence expands beyond the human rainbow to include the interrelatedness of all creation. The following quotation is attributed to Chief Seattle, a 19th century leader of the Suquamish, who at that time lived near Washington state's Puget Sound. <i>"We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to one web, we do to ourselves."</i>			The abolishment of slavery in the U.S. was incremental. In 1777, Vermont becomes the first state to abolish slavery; in 1827, NY state abolishes slavery for Africans over 40 years of age; and on December 18, 1865 the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishes slavery.		The Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í). (Observed at noon) Maia Duerr		<i>Sitting for Peace, Standing for Justice</i> , Buddhist Peace Fellowship Conference, Amherst College. Conference to address racism, other oppression, and ways to transform it as Buddhist activists. Info: Maia, 413.563.5197 ne-bpf.org <b>10</b>					
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(1968) The American Indian Movement forms to secure the civil rights of Native Americans. Through AIM, indigenous people struggle for economic independence, cultural integrity and sovereignty over tribal land and resources. <b>11</b>		The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holyoke celebrates Latino History Month, Martin Luther King's birthday and Black History Month. Information: 413.534.7366 <b>12</b>		This fall, Christ Community Church of Chicopee will begin a community undoing racism study group. All welcome. 413.592.6007 <b>13</b>		 Youth Leadership in the Arts (YLA) is a peer-led youth group that meets twice weekly at Casa Latina. The youth of YLA work on a number of projects which address pressing social justice issues. Information: Beth, 413.320.3243. <b>14</b> <small>Beth Mattison</small>		<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>17</b>
The Greenfield Center School is committed to work daily to end racism. GCS teachers connect the minds, hearts and wills of the students by periodically choosing themes that focus on a social justice issue. Information: 413.773.1700 www.centerschool.net <b>18</b>		Heads Up: Caribbean/West Indian Festival, Springfield, mid-August Information: 413.787.1555 <b>19</b>		Heads Up: Stone Soul Festival, Blunt Park, Springfield, late August. Information: 413.731.0651 <b>20</b>		Heads Up: Harambee Pan Africa Festival, Springfield (usually 3rd week of August) Information: 413.657.7701 <b>21</b>		<i>"If you surrendered to the air, you could ride it."</i> —Toni Morrison (1931), author, activist <b>22</b>		The Men's Resource Center offers support programs to challenge men's violence and to develop men's leadership in ending oppression. It also has a Young Men of Color Leadership Project in Amherst and Holyoke. Information: 413.253.9887 www.mensresourcecenter.org <b>23</b>		Based in Greenfield, <i>Amandla</i> is a community chorus singing to celebrate life and to articulate social concerns. Information: Eveline, 413.774.8655 <b>24</b>
Birthday, Simón Bolívar (1783–1830), advocate for the liberation of Latin America from Spain. <b>25</b>		(1948) President Truman gives orders to desegregate the military. The President's Committee on Civil Rights issues a landmark report, <i>To Secure These Rights</i> . The report recommends legislation and administrative action "to end immediately all discrimination and segregation based on race, color, creed or national origin in...all branches of the Armed Services." <b>26</b>		 <b>27</b>		(1970) California's largest grape grower signs a contract with the United Farm Workers after years of struggle. "Thanks to that first grape boycott, in 1970 farm workers won union contracts that insured decent wages, medical care, a pension plan, even fresh drinking water and clean toilets in the fields." —The United Farm Workers <b>28</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>30</b>		<i>"Hold on to the center and make up your mind to rejoice in this paradise called life."</i> —Lao Tzu, (6th century BCE), author of the <i>Tao Te Ching</i> <b>31</b>

