

Request for Proclamation

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Proclamation Requested For (name of person/entity) Bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah

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Background Information of Person/Entity:

Mankind's unity in diversity is the central teaching of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith, who brought a message of human dignity, renewed capacity and oneness suited to the requirements of today's world. A prisoner of the Persian and Ottoman empires from 1852 until his death in 1892, Baha'u'llah wrote extensively, providing guidance to individuals, with letters, copies extant, to the crowned heads of Europe and other major world leaders of his day providing standards for progressive and collaborative relations between nations and peoples. Prejudices of all kinds, individually and collectively, are eschewed.

The spiritual and administrative World Center for millions of Baha'is throughout the world is located on Mt. Carmel in Haifa, Israel, the "Holy Land" venerated by its sister world faiths—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In 1890, Baha'u'llah wrote, "The earth is one country and mankind its citizens."