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Mayor Greg Gwin 131 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Garnett, KS 66032

Dear Mayor Gwin,

On Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> the Peace Run will pass through Garnett as it makes its way across the United States. I would like to invite you to greet the runners and hold the torch as they pass through and possibly run with them if you would like.

The Peace Run is an international torch relay run begun in 1987 which has passed through nearly 150 countries since then. Every even numbered year, three international teams run through over 100 countries carrying the Peace Torch. In North America, a team of ten or so runners pass through Garnett as part of a 10,000 mile loop with a very simple message that each person can make a difference in helping the world to be a more positive place. We believe there is more that unites us as one human family than divides us and that each person can bring about positive change in their own way and in their own communities.

The Peace Run has been embraced by countless world leaders, athletes, artists, community and spiritual leaders and regular people who are inspired by the gesture. These include Olympian Carl Lewis, Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Mikhail Gorbachev and many others. The runners generally visit with schools, Boys and Girls Clubs and countless community groups as they make their way across the United States.

We would love to include a visit with you, Mayor Gwin and with the people of Garnett when we pass through.

Thank you, I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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