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"We have the ability to achieve, if we master the necessary goodwill, a common global society blessed with a shared wish of peace that is nourished by the ethnic, national and local diversities that enrich our lives."
– Ikeda Daisaku

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"We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race."
– Kofi Annan

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"We live now in a global village and we are in one single family. It's our responsibility to bring friendship and love from all different places around the world and to live together in peace."
– Jackie Chan

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"Internal peace is an essential first step to achieving peace in the world. How do you cultivate it? It's very simple. In the first place by realizing clearly that all mankind is one, that human beings in every country are members of one and the same family."
– The 14th Dalai Lama

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"I know there is strength in the differences between us.
I know there is comfort where we overlap."
– Ani DiFranco

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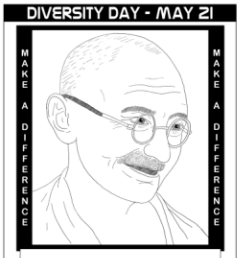

"All humanity is one undivided and indivisible family..."
– Mohandas Gandhi

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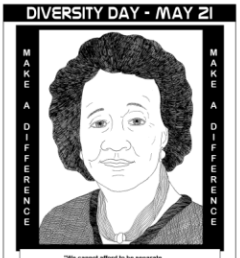

"We cannot afford to be separate.
We have to see that all of us are in the same boat."
– Dorothy Height

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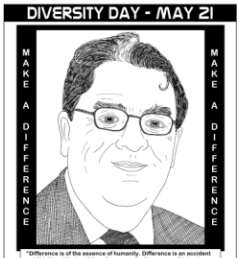

"Difference is of the essence of humanity. Difference is an accident of birth and it should therefore never be the source of hatred or conflict. The answer to difference is to respect it. Therein lies a most fundamental principle of peace: respect for diversity."
– John Hume

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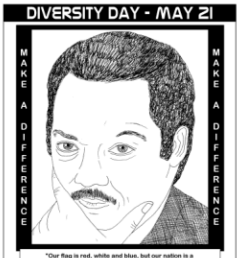

"Our flag is red, white and blue, but our nation is a rainbow - red, yellow, brown, black and white - and we're all precious in God's sight."
– Jesse Jackson

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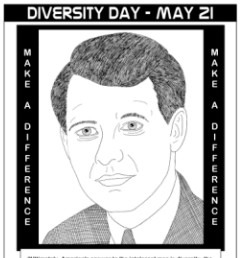

"Ultimately, America's answer to the intolerant man is diversity, the very diversity which our heritage of religious freedom has inspired."
– Robert F. Kennedy

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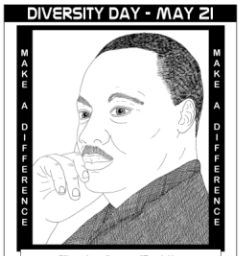

"We may have all come on different ships,
but we're in the same boat now."
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

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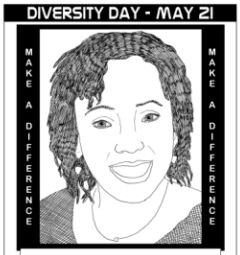

"What we need to do is learn to respect and embrace our differences until our differences don't make a difference in how we are treated."
– Yolanda King

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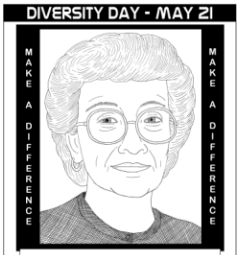

"Don't become too narrow. Live fully. Meet all kinds of people. You'll learn something from everyone..."
– Yuri Kochiyama

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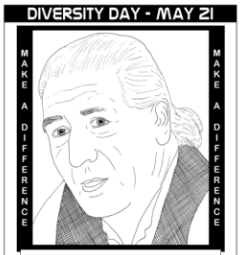

"Although we are in different boats you in your boat and we in our canoe we share the same river of life."
– Chief Oren Lyons

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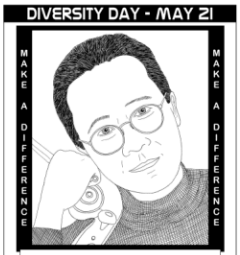

"Our cultural strength has always been derived
from our diversity of understanding and experience."
– Yo-Yo Ma

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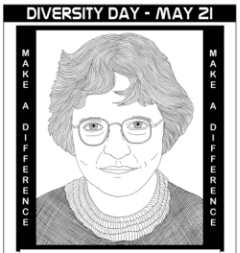

"If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse gift will find a fitting place."
– Margaret Mead

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"I resolutely believe that respect for diversity is a fundamental pillar in the eradication of racism, xenophobia and intolerance."
– Rigoberta Menchú

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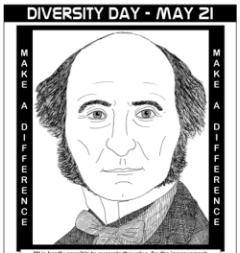

"It is hardly possible to overrate the value, for the improvement of human beings, of things which bring them into contact with persons dissimilar to themselves and with modes of thought and action unlike those with which they are familiar..."
– John Stuart Mill

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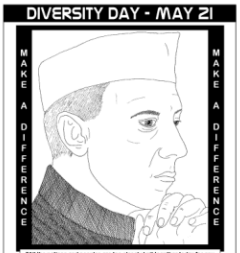

"All the nations and peoples are too closely knit together today for any one of them to imagine that it can live apart. Peace has been said to be indivisible, so is freedom, so is prosperity now, and so also is disaster in this one world that can no longer be split into isolated fragments."
– Jawaharlal Nehru

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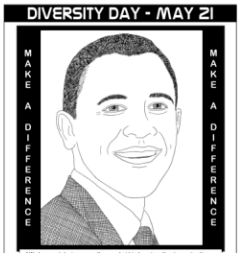

"We have a stake in one another ... what binds us together is greater than what drives us apart, and ... if enough people believe in the truth of that proposition and act on it, then we might not solve every problem, but we can get something meaningful done for the people with whom we share this Earth."
– Barack Obama

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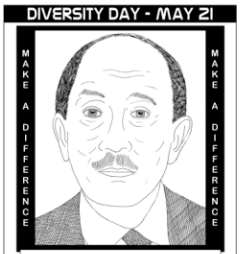

"There can be hope only for a society which acts
as one big family, not as many separate ones."
– Anwar Sadat

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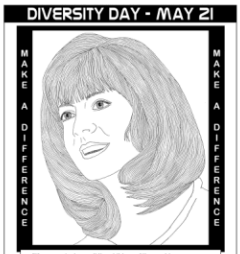

"If you can just see all the children of the world as your own,
all the mothers of the world as you are,
we can make a huge difference."
– Susan Sarandon

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"Uniformity is not nature's way; diversity is nature's way."
– Vandana Shiva

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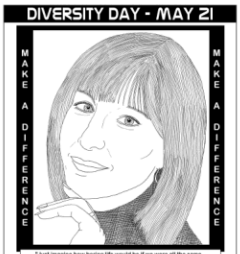

"Just imagine how boring life would be if we were all the same. My idea of a perfect world is one in which we really appreciated each other's differences: Short, tall; Democrat, Republican; black, white; gay, straight--a world in which all of us are equal, but definitely not the same."
– Barbra Streisand

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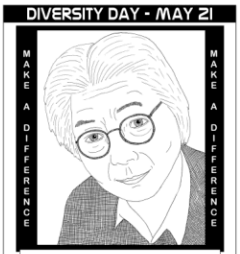

"Our expanding ethnic diversity of this century, a time when we will all be minorities, offers us an invitation to create a larger memory of who we are as Americans and to re-affirm our founding principle of equality."
– Ronald Takaki

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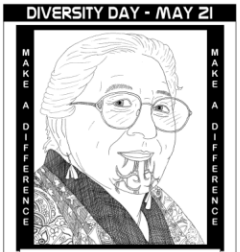

"We have to sit down, have a meal together, pray together and then actually talk together. Then we realize that, yes, although we have some differences they are not impassable differences."
– Pauline Tangiora

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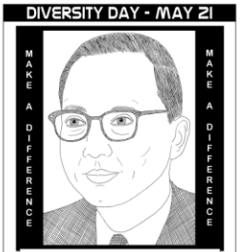

"The war we have to wage today has only one goal
and that is to make the world safe for diversity."
– U Thant

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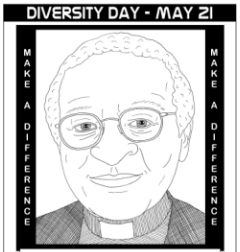

"My humanity is bound up in yours,
for we can only be human together."
– Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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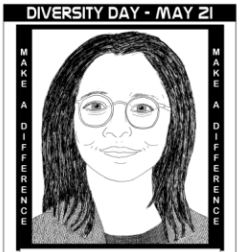

"I think we have to own the fears that we have of each other, and then, in some practical way, some daily way, figure out how to see people differently than the way we were brought up to."
– Alice Walker

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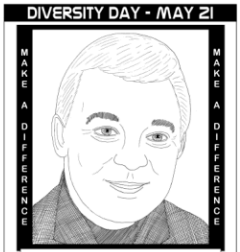

"We can find common ground only by moving to higher ground."
– Jim Wallis

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