



Love as Action: a Declaration of Resistance July 4 National Day of Action

Supplemental Host Guide

Since December, Love as Action has brought people together across the country in silent, public witness at a time of rising authoritarianism and fascism. What began as a simple invitation has grown into a steady practice, now active in more than 40 communities, with thousands participating and tens of thousands experiencing this message of resistance.

This guide is designed to be used in conjunction with the [Love as Action Organizer Toolkit](#), which outlines the practical steps for organizing and publicizing a vigil. What follows highlights what is unique about July 4 and the additional elements that will shape this nationwide day of action.

Why July 4 - What Makes This Moment Different

While Love as Action vigils continue every month across the country, July 4 is a shared national moment.

We are asking communities to come together on one day, July 4, to take part in Love as Action: Declaration of Resistance. Gatherings can happen at any time that works locally, but the power of this moment comes from people across the country acting together on the same day. This coordinated action makes visible a collective commitment to resist authoritarianism. Showing that communities are ready to stand together, across locations, in a shared expression of courage and clarity.

Like all Love as Action vigils, this is a shared act of faith and presence in our communities. Our goal is to establish a consistent, visible, faith-based public witness that challenges authoritarianism and affirms justice, dignity, and love as guiding principles for society. July 4 is an opportunity to embody that together, as part of a broader, growing movement.

At the same time, Love as Action remains an ongoing practice. Communities are encouraged to continue hosting vigils on dates that work locally.

[Ongoing Love as Action vigil signup](#)

[July 4 Love as Action vigil signup](#)

Key July 4 Additions: A Shared Declaration of Resistance

Each July 4 gathering will include a physical, art-based Declaration of Resistance. AFSC will ship the Declaration to you and provide the materials and support needed for your event.

During your vigil, participants and the public will be invited to sign the declaration, adding their names to a shared commitment to continue our resistance to authoritarianism. This turns each gathering into something more than a moment—it becomes part of a national, collective expression of commitment.

While July 4 is a unique and coordinated national moment, this gathering remains rooted in the ongoing practice of Love as Action, a regular public witness where people come together to witness in visible, public spaces. We encourage communities to recycle their regular vigil plans (time, location) and keep it simple.

After July 4, this Declaration can continue to be used:

- At marches and public actions
- As a display outside your meetinghouse or community space
- As an ongoing tool for public witness and engagement

Important Tasks

- Commit your event by June 15
This ensures materials can be prepared and shipped in time. You can commit by putting your event up online via Mobilize or by emailing LoveasAction@afsc.org.
- Submit your shipping information: <https://forms.office.com/r/TSBMjppmUV>
- Join the National Organizing Call — June 18, 8PM ET/5PM PT
Final details, guidance, and next steps will be shared:
<https://www.mobilize.us/afscfriendsengagement/event/968179/>

Any and all questions are welcome at LoveasAction@afsc.org. Please reach out if you have any questions, need any assistance, or anything else. Please also remember that the [Love as Action Organizer Toolkit](#) is the companion resource to this guide.

This July 4:

Stand in the Light

Gather your community

Add your names

Host Love as Action: a Declaration of Resistance in your community