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Every day, the United Nations and its family of agencies work to improve people's lives throughout the world through their numerous peace-building, environmental sustainability, emergency relief, human rights, and global health policies. We invite you to join us this year in recognizing the important work of the UN on October 24, 2011, the 66th anniversary of the United Nations. Since 1947, every US President beginning with Harry Truman has issued a proclamation asking citizens to observe this special occasion.

This year's celebration focuses on the topic "The United Nations: In Everyone's Interest". We hope you will recognize October 24, 2011 as United Nations Day and ask other interested individuals, groups or schools in your community to participate in UN Day activities. To mark the day, we encourage you to:

- Issue a proclamation for display at the Massachusetts State House on October 24
  - Sample enclosed (for electronic version, email info@unagb.org)
  - Please mail the proclamation to UNA-GB
  - Notify local newspapers so they can publish the proclamation on UN Day
- Fly the United Nations Flag
- Encourage educators to conduct Model UN simulations
- Encourage libraries to show displays on the United Nations

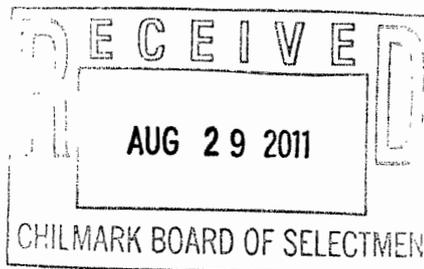
We will feature all of the proclamations that we receive at the State House in Boston on Monday, October 24, 2011 during our city-wide Model UN Day Simulation, which engages more than 100 high school youth and also includes a reading of the Governor's UN Day Proclamation. The proclamations will also be on display at our annual UN Day Luncheon on Friday, October 28 in downtown Boston, where more than 250 business and community leaders will gather to recognize the importance of global engagement.

UNA-GB will be pleased to provide any additional assistance to you or other interested community leaders in planning a local UN Day celebration. For ideas about how your town can commemorate UN Day, or for further information, please contact Kaitlin Hasseler at 617-482-4587.

We look forward to receiving your proclamation and wish you a most successful UN Day 2011!

Sincerely,

Richard Golob  
President



**SAMPLE UNITED NATIONS DAY PROCLAMATION 2011:  
The United Nations: In Everyone's Interest**

**Whereas**, the United Nations was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter came into force is observed each year on October 24; and

**Whereas**, the United Nations promotes peace and security, development, democracy, economic prosperity, global health and human rights around the world, and is vital now more than ever; and

**Whereas**, the United Nations works to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, by providing a common development strategy for the international community, improving coordination, coherence, and effectiveness within the UN system, the donor community and developing countries; and

**Whereas**, the Goals address universal issues from poverty and access to education to improving healthcare and environmental sustainability and enjoy unprecedented political support because they are specific and measurable, with a deadline and indicators for monitoring progress attached to each goal; and

**Whereas**, the United States has a long tradition of leading international efforts to improve health, education and economic growth in developing countries; and has shown its commitment to the Millennium Development Goals through foreign assistance, progressive trade initiatives, and debt relief measures; and

**Whereas**, the UNA-USA and United Nations Foundation have declared "*The United Nations: In Everyone's Interest*" as its theme for the 2011 United Nations Day commemoration

**Whereas**, all United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) chapters acknowledge and recognize the importance of the United Nations and its impact on the lives of Americans and the world, agree to highlight and celebrate the positive role that the United Nations plays to encourage a free, secure, equal and prosperous world for all;

**Whereas**, the United Nations Association of Greater Boston is committed to educating and mobilizing our local communities to build a stronger network of global citizens and leaders to create a more prosperous, just and sustainable world;

**Whereas**, the citizens of \_\_\_\_\_ should participate in all activities related to UN Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I** \_\_\_\_\_ officially proclaim October 24, 2011 as

**UNITED NATIONS DAY**

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of \_\_\_\_\_ to be affixed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 2011.

Seal

Signature