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UNITED NATIONS DAY – October 24, 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; and

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; and

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; and

Whereas, the citizens of Winchendon should participate in all activities related to UN Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF WINCHENDON officially proclaim October 24, 2011 as **UNITED NATIONS DAY**.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Winchendon in the State of Massachusetts this 12th day of September in the year 2011.

Robert M. O'Keefe, Chairman

Elizabeth Hunt, Vice Chairwoman

Robert L. Zbikowski, Selectman

C. Jackson Blair, Selectman

Keith R. Barrows, Selectman