

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
United Nations Day Proclamation
October 24, 2006

Whereas, the United Nations was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of its founding is observed each year on *October 24*; and

Whereas, one of the principal mandates of the United Nations "To achieve international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character" – remains as valid today as when those words were written into the Charter more than a half century ago; and

Whereas, in September of 2000, 189 countries, including the United States, agreed on the Millennium Development Goals; and

Whereas, the fifth of the Millennium Development Goals focuses on the reduction of maternal mortality, and seeks to reduce by three quarters the ratio of women dying in childbirth by 2015; and

Whereas, poor maternal health and mortality has a permanent and lasting affect on future generations; and

Whereas, the United States is a champion of women's rights both here an abroad, most recently in its work in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

Whereas, the United States must continue to work with the United Nations and UN agencies in order to provide a coordinated, multilateral effort in both assessing the current problem of maternal health and well-being and determining the strategies and mechanisms best suited to reduce maternal mortality an improve women's health; and

Whereas, the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), in cooperation with other organizations, has declared "*Maternal Health and Well-Being*" as its theme for the 2006 United Nations Day commemorations;

Whereas, the Governor's appointed Massachusetts UN Day Chair and the UN Day Committee composed of community leaders will organize events and activities to educate citizens about the continuing need for the United Nations, and the importance of undertaking efforts on the local and international level to promote global cooperative initiatives toward a peaceful and more just world;

Whereas, the citizens of *Georgetown* should participate in all activities related to United Nations Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE , *Richard Clough, Chairman; Lawrence Brennan, and Matthew Vincent* officially proclaim ***October 24, 2006*** as

UNITED NATIONS DAY

In witness whereof, we have set our hand and caused the seal of *Georgetown* to be affixed on the 11th day of September in the year of 2006.

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