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**United Nations Day Proclamation**  
**October 24, 2004**

**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 third of the Millennium Development Goals focuses on promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women, and seeks to eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015; and

**Whereas**, the problem of unequal treatment of women leads to illiterate societies, poor maternal and child health, and overall low levels of development in every corner of the globe; and

**Whereas**, the United States is a champion of women’s rights, 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 gender equity and determining the strategies and mechanisms best suited for achieving the goal of eliminating gender disparity in education; and

**Whereas**, the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), in cooperation with other organizations, has declared “Women’s Rights & Empowerment: The Millennium Development Goals & Gender Equity” as its theme for the 2004 United Nations Day commemorations;

**Whereas**, a UN Day Committee composed of community leaders to 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 Acton, should participate in all activities related to United Nations Day;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, The Acton Board of Selectmen officially proclaims October 24, 2004 as

**UNITED NATIONS DAY**

In witness whereof, we have set our hand and caused the seal of Acton to be affixed on the 13th day of September, in the year of 2004

Signatures: