

# CITY OF PALO ALTO PROCLAMATION

## United Nations Association Film Festival

**WHEREAS**, October 24, 2008, United Nations Day also marks the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF), which was originally created to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, UNAFF was initiated with the help of members of the Stanford Film Society and United Nations Association, Midpeninsula Chapter, a grassroots, community-based, nonprofit organization; and

**WHEREAS**, UNAFF gives four awards—The Stanford Video Award for Cinematography, The Stanford Video Award for Editing, and the UNAFF Grand Jury Awards for the Best Long and the Best Short Documentary; and

**WHEREAS**, UNAFF has previously screened some of the most honored and talked about documentaries including five that went on to win Academy Awards including Panama Deception, The Blood of Yingzhou District, and Taxi to the Dark Side, and eleven that were nominated; and

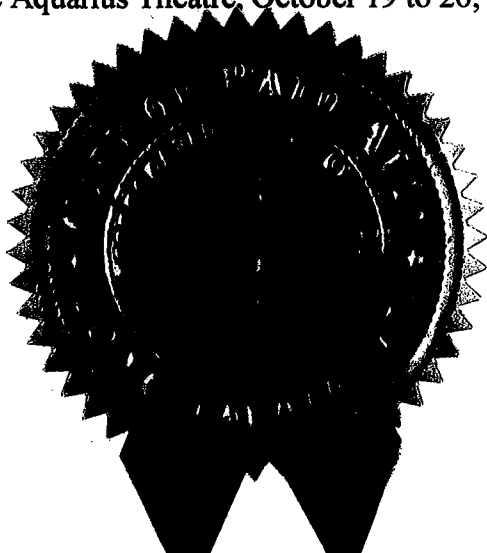
**WHEREAS**, UNAFF celebrates the power of films dealing with human rights, environment, women's issues, homelessness, racism, disease control, universal education, war and peace with the theme this year of "BLUE PLANET, GREEN PLANET"; and


**WHEREAS**, the UNAFF jury has selected 41 films for this year's festival dealing with topics from around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, UNAFF will be held on October 19 to October 26, 2008 at the Aquarius Theatre in Palo Alto; and

**WHEREAS**, UNAFF hosts academics and filmmakers from around the world to discuss the topics in the films with members of the audience, who are often separated by geography, ethnicity and economic status.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Larry Klein, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim October 19 to 26, 2008 as United Nations Association Film Festival Days, and encourage the citizens of our community to attend any or all of the performances at the Aquarius Theatre, October 19 to 26, 2008.



  
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Larry Klein  
Mayor

City of Palo Alto  
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