

CITY OF PALO ALTO PROCLAMATION

18th Annual United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF)

WHEREAS, October 15, 2015, marks the 18th 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 founded by Stanford educator and film critic Jasmina Bojic with the participation of the Stanford Film Society and the United Nations Association Mid-peninsula Chapter, a community based nonprofit organization in Palo Alto, California; and

WHEREAS, UNAFF gives five awards: UNAFF Grand Jury Award for Best Documentary, UNAFF Grand Jury Award for Best Short Documentary, UNAFF Award for Best Cinematography, UNAFF Award for Best Editing and the UNAFF Youth Vision Award; and

WHEREAS, UNAFF previously screened some of the most honored and talked about documentaries including seven that went on to win Academy Awards and twenty-eight that were nominated; and

WHEREAS, UNAFF celebrates the power of films dealing with human rights, the environment, women's issues, homelessness, racism, disease control, universal education, war and peace with the theme this year of "RUNNING OUT OF TIME"; and

WHEREAS, UNAFF Jury selected 60 films for this year's festival dealing with topics from countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, UNAFF will be held October 16 to October 26, 2015 at the Aquarius Theatre in Palo Alto, at Stanford University, in East Palo Alto and in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, UNAFF hosts international filmmakers and academics 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, Karen Holman, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim October 15-25, 2015 as United Nations Association Film Festival Days, and encourage the citizens of our community to attend UNAFF screenings and panels during the eleven day festival.

Presented: October 5, 2015

Karen Holman
Mayor