



# Proclamation

## 26th Annual United Nations Association Film Festival (UNAFF)

**WHEREAS**, October 19, 2023 marks the 26th 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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, UNAFF has previously screened some of the most honored and talked about documentaries including eight that went on to win Academy Awards and thirty 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, "SOLUTIONS"; and

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

**WHEREAS**, UNAFF will be held in-person from October 19 to October 29, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, UNAFF hosts academics and international filmmakers 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**, Lydia Kou, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim October 19-29, 2023 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 16, 2023

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**Lydia Kou**  
**Mayor**