

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, in 1945, at San Francisco, fifty-one nations founded an international peace organization called the United Nations, with the purpose “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war;”
and

WHEREAS, the United Nations was active through the Cold War and beyond as an effective force preventing many armed conflicts from spreading worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations with its one hundred ninety-one member nations has supported the establishment of the International Criminal Court in order to address war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity; and

WHEREAS, the International Criminal Court relies on the support of all members of the international community, large and small, to successfully accomplish its mandate ending impunity for the worst international crimes and thereby contributing to the maintenance of international peace and security;
and

WHEREAS, the International Criminal Court has jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute only when the country of the accused is unwilling or unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, victims in need of justice and with no other recourse have in the International Criminal Court a proceeding in which the international community recognizes their plight, restores their dignity, and gives them hope in the restoration of their lives; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a multi-ethnic state committed to justice for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America promoted the education of Americans about the International Criminal Court in an effort to support U.S. participation in the International Criminal Court;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2004 as:

“United Nations Day”

throughout the State of New Mexico and appoint Dr. William Pratt as Honorary United Nations Day State Chair.

Attest: Done at the Executive Office this 8th day of October, 2004.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the Great State of New Mexico

Rebecca Vigil-Giron

Secretary of State

Bill Richardson

Governor