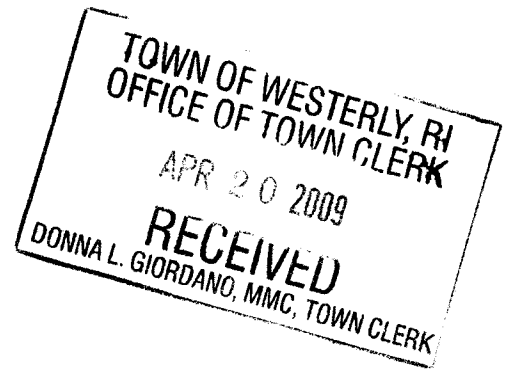


April 17, 2009



Mr. Andrew Odgren
 Ms. Elyse Wasch
 c/o The Honorable Jack Reed
 United States Senator
 1000 Chapel View Blvd., Suite 290
 Cranston, RI 02920-5602

Re: Proposal for Worldwide Neighbor Day

Dear Mr. Odgren and Ms. Wasch:

In response to your telephone message to me on April 9, 2009, I have prepared a proposal, including a brief history of Neighbor Day, which is held on the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend in perpetuity. Neighbor Day's motto is *"It Is Your Day, Your Way!"*

I served as former Westerly Town Council President in 2006 to 2008 and I am the originator of Neighbor Day in 1993. I have been a legislator for 14 years, two of those years on the Westerly School Committee.

In 1996, the Town of Westerly and the State of Rhode Island, together with our Congressional Delegation, Senators Pell and Reed, inspired United Nations Ambassador Albright to send the Resolution initiative of a Worldwide Neighbor Day, adopted November 27, 1995, to the United Nations, Bureau of International Organizations. We are all at a loss to know the status of a Worldwide Neighbor Day in 2009. Our last communication was on February 26, 1996 from the Public Affairs Officer, Patricia Kuffler, thanking us.

Thus, I would like to propose with the Permanent Neighbor Day Committee, which include the Westerly Town Council Coordinator, President Diana Avedesian, and our youth chair, Christopher Koretski, in Westerly, Rhode Island, the following:

**Westerly Town Hall • 45 Broad Street
 Westerly, Rhode Island • 02891**

Website www.neighbordayworldwide.com or www.townofwesterly.com

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Senator Reed, and the United States Congressional delegation, again take the bull by the horns and unite with one heart in a collaborative effort with aid of President Obama, Secretary of State Clinton and our Ambassador to the United Nations, Ambassador Rice, reintroduce and pass a Worldwide Neighbor Day to be celebrated Sunday before Memorial Day weekend in perpetuity. "Love of Neighbor" is even more precious now for mankind to survive! Please, future generations will have "Love of Neighbor" Worldwide Neighbor Day as our legacy. Nations may want to incorporate their own symbol for Neighbor Day in their country by simply using their flag design with joined hands in the center. Thank You All! God Speed!

Please feel free to relay this correspondence to anyone who can assist in the accomplishment of a Worldwide Neighbor Day.

Regards,



Mary Jane Patriarca DiMaio
Originator of National Neighbor Day

MJPD

Enclosures:

Letter from Patricia Kuffler, dated 2/26/96
Westerly Town Council Resolution, dated 11/27/95



UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

February 26 1996

799 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017-3505

FEB 29 1996

Ms. Donna L. Giordano, CMC
Town and Probate Clerk
Town Hall, 45 Broad Street
Westerly, RI 02891


Dear Ms. Giordano:

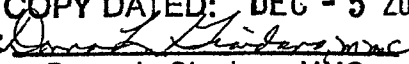
Ambassador Albright has asked me to thank you for sending her the useful paperweight and beautifully framed resolution passed by the Westerly Town Council of Rhode Island concerning the proposal to celebrate a worldwide Neighbor Day.

Our regulations require that all U.S. proposals presented to the United Nations must first be sent to the Department of State for consideration and approval. We, therefore, have sent your resolution to the Bureau of International Organizations at the Department of State in Washington, DC.

The Ambassador appreciates your sharing with her the efforts of your community in encouraging good neighbor policies which encompass some of the principal ideals of the United Nations such as respect for individuals and human rights. On behalf of Ambassador Albright, I send her appreciation and best wishes to you and the members of the Town Council of Westerly, Rhode Island.

Sincerely,


Patricia Kuffler
Public Affairs Officer

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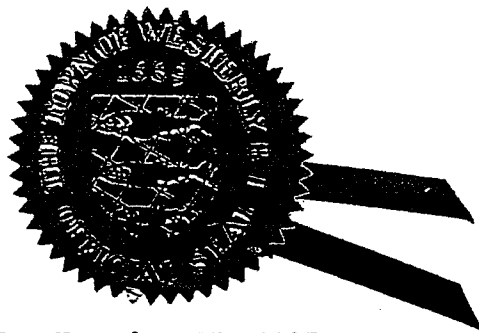
WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Westerly, County of Washington and State of Rhode Island, adopted a resolution to celebrate NEIGHBOR DAY in May each year on the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend in the Town of Westerly;

WHEREAS, the Town of Westerly proudly displays the adopted NEIGHBOR DAY logo on the Town of Westerly Calendar each year on the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend and places a proclamation in the Town's archives for posterity; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of our local legislators, the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations passed legislation designating this special day to be observed in communities throughout the State; now therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED: That the Westerly Town Council with deepest respect for all our Rhode Island legislators and United States Congressmen that they unite with one heart in a collaborative effort to aid in the re-introduction of NEIGHBOR DAY as a national day and through our representative to the United Nations to introduce and pass a world-wide NEIGHBOR DAY to be celebrated the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend in May of 1996 and each year thereafter; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Westerly Town Council, in an effort to help our Congressman, hereby submits petitions signed by many citizens of all ages in our community to be used solely for this purpose and presented in support of this worthwhile effort in the hopes that NEIGHBOR DAY will be recognized and celebrated throughout the world.



ADOPTED: November 27, 1995

ATTEST:

Donna L. Giordano, CMC, Town Clerk

Richard D. Comolli, President

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Jeffery M. Andrews

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