Petition to Declare November 9th
"International Day of Compassion"

To: Dr. Susan Elizabeth Rice, Permanent Representative of the US to the United Nations

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, request that November 9 be declared by the United Nations, International Day of Compassion, for the following reasons:

- As a symbolic expression of turning tragedy into a source of healing
- To honor the lives of women and men from over 50 countries, murdered on September 11, 2001, by engaging in a deeper public dialogue about the roots of violence. We begin that dialogue by recognizing the impulse toward cruelty within ourselves and by choosing not to act on that impulse.
- To affirm our ability as conscious adults to channel painful feelings into a creative force
- To acknowledge our responsibility as members of the earth-community, to actively engage in reducing suffering caused by tragic consequences of violence.
- To eliminate the depletion of our common resources and the environmental devastation caused by the destructive effects of wars.

We, Julia Indichova, Leslie Zarra, and Heather McLellan, have initiated this petition, along with a group of parents of the FertileHeart.com community, as part of the Turn It Around Project, a global grassroots peace effort. We can be contacted at Fertile Heart, PO Box 767, Woodstock, NY 12498 for further information in connection to the above.

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