

**Proclamation by the Falmouth Board of Selectmen
Declaring August 10, 2006 Woods Hole Diversity Day**

Whereas, the six major scientific and educational institutions in Woods Hole (the Marine Biological Laboratory, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center Woods Hole Laboratory, Sea Education Association, the United States Geological Survey-Woods Hole, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the Woods Hole Research Center) cooperatively established the Woods Hole Scientific Community Diversity Initiative; and

Whereas, these institutions believe that diversity is a strength to be developed in our community; and

Whereas, these institutions have worked for the past two years to create “Pathways to Opportunity” that will attract people of underrepresented groups by showing that the Woods Hole scientific and educational community has opportunities beginning with primary education and leading to higher education, post graduate work, research and lifetime careers, both in Woods Hole and in the global scientific community; and

Whereas, these institutions believe that all people in the Woods Hole Scientific Community should be supported to reach their full potential regardless of their race, religion, color, creed, gender, age, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic status or veteran status; and

Whereas, the people of Falmouth share the belief that diversity in our community is a strength to be encouraged and celebrated.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Falmouth Board of Selectmen declares August 10, 2006 as Woods Hole Diversity Day and encourages all members of the Falmouth community to join in the events of the day and to act in ways that promote and sustain diversity in our community.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2006.

By the Select Board of Falmouth

Carey Murphy, chair

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