

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
MARIN EARTH MONTH
APRIL 2014

WHEREAS, Earth Day marks the birth of the environmental movement in 1970 and seeks to educate, inspire, and encourage action for a healthy environment and a sustainable way of living. The collective actions of millions of Americans over the past four decades have resulted in sweeping laws to protect our air, water and lands around us; and

WHEREAS, our planet is at a turning point in its climate, pollution, waste, population, fresh water availability and resources. Marin County intends to do its part for environmental protection on behalf of present and future generations, and

WHEREAS, Marin County prepared its Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, pledging that by the year 2020, Marin County will reduce greenhouse gas emission by 15% from 1990 levels; and, based on an updated 2012 greenhouse gas inventory, Marin County is currently producing 13.5 per cent less greenhouse gas emissions in the unincorporated areas than it did in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Marin Clean Energy, launched in May of 2010 as California's first Community Choice Aggregation program, currently provides customers with a choice of 50% or 100% clean renewable energy at competitive rates, resulting in greenhouse gas reductions of 67,500 tons since inception. The County of Marin has installed photovoltaic systems on 5 buildings with 536 Kw capacity and is in the process of installing 463 Kw capacity on the new Emergency Operations Facility; and

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking for transportation in Marin County have increased 65.5% and 19.9% respectively in the last seven years, replacing over 43.3 million vehicle trips over that period and preventing over 15,000 tons of CO₂ and 515 tons of carbon monoxide from being discharged into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Marin County's single-use bag ban effective January 1, 2012, has avoided the use of an estimated 73 million plastic bags so far; and

WHEREAS, Marin County's Green Business Program has recognized over 415 certified green businesses since inception. In 2010 Marin County revised its building and energy efficiency regulations to include updated Green Building Requirements for residential and commercial new construction projects, additions, and remodels; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, Marin County Parks, the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, the City of San Rafael, San Rafael Clean, the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership, and Marin Municipal Water District have joined with other public and non-profit agencies in promoting Earth Day through the MyEarthDayMarin.org website. More than 200 volunteers are expected to participate in community service projects; and on Sunday, April 20th, Spirit Rock Meditation Center is hosting "Loving the Earth: Awareness, Action and Celebration" dedicated to renewal and rebirth for the planet and all beings; and

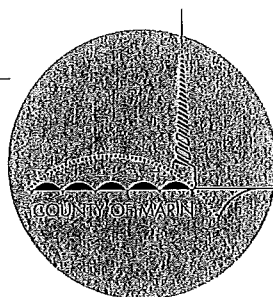
WHEREAS, Earth Day Marin has helped thousands of Marin residents reduce their impacts by introducing them to Marin's sustainable agencies, nonprofits and businesses, and will offer a day of measurable and meaningful action on issues from drought to climate to sea level rise on Sunday, April 6th, 2014, kicking off a month of sustainability activities throughout the county, and

WHEREAS, to support an environmentally sound and sustainable system of life, individuals, environmental organizations, businesses, educators, government officials and community leaders, must once again stand together in collective action to declare our shared resolve to make a difference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims April 2014, as "Marin Earth Month," dedicated to public activities promoting protection, restoration and preservation of our environment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 1st day of April 2014.

KATHRIN SEARS – DISTRICT 3, PRESIDENT



SUSAN L. ADAMS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1