

**PROCLAIMING  
MARIN EARTH DAY  
APRIL 22, 2007**

**WHEREAS**, 30 years ago, millions of Americans joined together on the first Earth Day to express an unprecedented concern for the environment, and their collective action resulted in the passage of sweeping laws to protect our air, our water and the lands around us; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, Marin County became one of the first governmental entities to calculate its Ecological Footprint, which measures ecological demand associated with human activities in terms of the area of biologically productive land and sea required to provide the resources being used and to absorb the waste generated, given current technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Marin County, as part of the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, prepared the Marin County Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, pledging that by the year 2020 Marin County will reduce greenhouse gas emission by 15% from the 2000 levels; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, in Marin County, we generate over 730,000 tons of waste each year but divert 558,000 tons through recycling, composting, reuse, biomass, etc. for a diversion rate of 76.3%. Marin County's diversion was 58% in 1999 and 76.3% in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with the city of Novato, Marin County launched the Green Business Program in 2002. The Marin County Board of Supervisors recognized their first green Business on April 15, 2002. Currently there are now 187 certified green businesses in Marin County; and

**WHEREAS**, Marin County adopted the Building Energy Efficient Structures Today ("BEST") Program in October 2001, to enhance energy efficiency and conservation in residential, commercial, and community facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors launched a solar rebate program in June, 2005 for solar technologies, including solar electric (photovoltaics or PV), solar hot water heaters and solar pool heaters; and

**WHEREAS**, Marin County has dedicated itself to educating the public regarding the impacts of burning wood and the various types of wood-burning appliances; by regulating the type of wood-burning appliances that may be installed and maintained within the County; and by banning the use of non-certified burning appliances after July 1, 2008; 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 22, 2007, as "Marin Earth Day", and urges that the day be set aside for 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 17th day of April 2007.