

**Ohlone Community College District
Resolution No. 17/08-09**

Whereas, In April, 1976, President Gerald Ford did designate the third week in April as Earth Week, calling upon civic organizations and businesses to make at least one new effort during this week for a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment; and

Whereas, President Jimmy Carter in 1977 asked “all educators to consider introducing an ecological perspective into every scholastic or academic discipline to encourage future application by graduates to protect the health of our planet”; and

Whereas, In August, 2008, Ohlone College’s Newark Campus achieved platinum LEED certification from the US Green Building Council, the highest level of recognition awarded for environmentally sound construction and operational processes; and

Whereas, Ohlone College values our community’s natural resources and places a high priority on environmental issues, recognizing the need for measures that will protect and preserve the earth for future generations; and

Whereas, Environmental protection is the responsibility of people worldwide and Earth Day is an appropriate time to consider our role in preserving Ohlone’s natural heritage and the precious resources that sustain us; and

Whereas, Earth Day is celebrated annually to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment and a peaceful, just, and sustainable world;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby recognizes April 22, 2009 as Earth Day and encourages the Ohlone College community to celebrate the gains we have made and create new visions to accelerate environmental progress.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 8th day of April, 2009.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Ohlone Community College District
Alameda County, State of California