

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF UC SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, April 2010 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Environmental Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, after the 1969 Santa Barbara Channel oil spill, members of UCSB faculty, staff, student body, and larger community sought to improve education, research, and curriculum regarding the environment, at a time when most American college programs were single-discipline and narrow-focused in regards to the environment; and

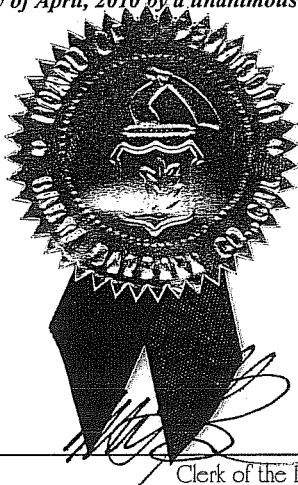
WHEREAS, in 1970, a committee of 27 UCSB faculty and staff convinced Chancellor Vernon Cheadle and the University of California Board of Regents to authorize and fund a new, multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary program to teach and research environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, since 1970, UCSB's Environmental Studies Program has graduated 4,700 students in the field, making it one of North America's largest and most successful programs of its kind, and has received multiple national and international citations and awards for excellence, created endowed chairs for nationally recognized leaders in the field, and endowed scholarships to attract and retain top students from diverse backgrounds, and alumni of the program have risen to positions of eminence and distinction in the public, private, academic, and non-profit sectors of California, the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, UCSB's Environmental Studies Program is recognized as a national leader in innovation and research in 17 different areas related to the teaching and study of environment, and the need for sound science, accurate data, informed advocates, well-trained workers, and inspired teachers in all areas of the environment has never been more vital to the future of California, America, and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the Environmental Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara on this occasion of its 40th anniversary and the important role it plays in environmental education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 20th day of April, 2010 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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