



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

RECOGNITION OF WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY - 26 September 2014

WHEREAS, the practice of environmental health throughout the world is critical to the well-being of humankind and the protection of the earth's resources; and,

WHEREAS, environmental health encompasses the assessment and control of those environmental factors that can potentially affect health; and,

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) acknowledges World Environmental Health Day and embraces this year's theme, *Addressing Environmental Health Inequalities*; and,

WHEREAS, the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) works to disseminate knowledge concerning environmental health and promote cooperation between countries where environmental health issues cross borders and boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, NEHA partnered with the IFEH to host the joint 2014 IFEH World Congress and NEHA Annual Educational Conference; and,

WHEREAS, the NEHA Board of Directors, that represents environmental health professionals in the United States and around the world, is committed to:

- Providing ongoing training and education to environmental health professionals, aspiring environmental health professionals, and graduating students entering the workforce from around the globe,
- Providing and supporting the Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) credentials as well as other environmental health credentials to support a technically competent workforce who serve to improve the quality of life through disease and injury prevention,
- Partnering with federal/state/local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and industry stakeholders to create and promote a sustainable, healthful, and integrated food safety system,
- Adopting and supporting official positions and policies to advocate and promote environmental health protection in the areas of environmental justice, sustainability, safe food from farm-to-fork, safe drinking water, and emergency preparedness and response,
- Disseminating current information to members and international colleagues, with minimal use of our planet's resources, through NEHA's e-NEWS and *E-Journal*,
- Promoting the use of e-learning tools, resources, and relevant technology to enhance the skills and expertise of environmental health professionals while building environmental health community capacity and awareness regardless of geographical location or socioeconomics,

Now, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the National Environmental Health Association joins its global partners and friends to recognize 26 September 2014 as World Environmental Health Day.

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