



Associated Students of Fullerton College Resolution

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Vote:

Resolution in support of creation of a campus wide Earth Week dedicated to promote environmental awareness and environmental justice.

WHEREAS: The first Earth Day was observed on April 22, 1970 as a mobilization for environmental awareness and environmental sustainability. Earth Day is deeply rooted in American colleges, schools, and universities and a reflection of the role of education in combating environmental challenges. Amidst the climate crisis, Earth Day continues to engage millions of people worldwide to learn and mobilize for climate action. [1]

WHEREAS: In May of 2021, North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) adopted a Sustainability Policy 3580 that affirms that environmental sustainability is a foundational principle in shaping the present and its vision for a brighter future. In February 2022, the Sustainability Administrative Procedure 3580 was adopted, stating “The District will model sustainability learning and practice by supporting faculty and appropriate shared governance bodies in the development of curriculum, programs, and co-curricular educational opportunities that prepare students to understand environmental issues and address environmental sustainability challenges.” [2]

WHEREAS: Thousands of Fullerton College students live in environmentally disadvantaged communities, as identified by the Environmental Protection Agency, the US Department of Agriculture, and California Parks and Recreation. Thus, enhancing environmental sustainability education supports Fullerton College’s Antiracism statement that calls for the campus community to “engage in critical reflection” to dismantle racism and to “devise a comprehensive strategy” for addressing it. [3][4]

RESOLVED, that Fullerton College prioritizes the importance of environmental education in its mission for sustainability and anti-racism and takes initiative to better integrate environmental matters in campus cultural events.

RESOLVED, that Fullerton College establish the four business days surrounding April 22nd as Earth Week, every year, in sync with the international mobilization for environmental awareness via teach-ins, film screenings, workshops, demonstrations, lectures, and other events organized by students, faculty, and administration.

RESOLVED, that Fullerton College engages in the promotion of Earth Week events through various campus publicity as the only week in the entire academic year of cultural events dedicated to environmental education.

RESOLVED, that Fullerton College works with NOCCCD to support ongoing events throughout the district dedicated to providing educational opportunities throughout the academic calendar year.

Citation 1:

<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/april-22/>

Citation 2:

https://www.nocccd.edu/files/3580apfinaladoptedbot-2022-02-08_26141.pdf

Citation 3:

https://www.fullcoll.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Fullerton-College_AntiRacism-Statement_PAC-Oct-28.pdf

Citation 4:

[“FC Environmental Justice Mapping Project” by the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness and the Department of Geography and the Environment, 2022. Available by request to Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness \(OIRE\)](#)