



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970, to elevate the cause to the national agenda and help the nation pursue a common goal of a clean and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Department of Environmental Services honors Earth Month by vowing to protect our water, plant and animal life, and conserve our precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, replacing old light bulbs with more efficient fluorescent bulbs; carpooling to work; purchasing recycled products; sharing environmental knowledge with friends, family and co-workers; participating in stream and beach cleanups; planting vegetation to control erosion; and reporting illegal discharges and dumping are a few initiatives that help the environment; and

WHEREAS, many of our businesses, government agencies, environmental organizations and concerned individuals are everyday environmental heroes; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Services and watershed partners are working to instill community pride and educate, inspire and mobilize thousands of everyday environmental heroes during Earth Month through hands-on activities, such as litter and clean-up projects (Adopt-A-Stream, Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Block), storm drain stenciling, Earth Month Awards and the Keiki Water Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Services recognizes the valuable contributions and environmental stewardship of the sponsors and environmental partners of Earth Month 2009,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MUFI HANNEMANN, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim April 2009, to be

EARTH MONTH

in the City and County of Honolulu, and I commend the City's sponsors and environmental partners who are "everyday environmental heroes" and thank them for their invaluable contributions.

Done this 4th day of March, 2009,
in Honolulu, Hawaii.


MUFI HANNEMANN

