

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

DECLARING OCTOBER 24, 2009, AS CLIMATE ACTION DAY

WHEREAS, climate change is almost universally accepted by scientists as fact, a condition that is occurring now and will continue; and

WHEREAS, temperatures on earth have risen 0.75 degrees C in the last 100 years, sea water is rising, and glaciers and polar ice are melting; and

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide has increased from 280 ppm pre-industrial revolution to a current level of 389 ppm which, if nothing is done, may lead to catastrophic climate change in the next 90 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, in Rio de Janeiro, almost 200 nations, including the United States, agreed to "prevent dangerous" climate change, considered to be not more than 2 degrees C; and

WHEREAS, to our best scientific ability, this means we must immediately reduce CO2 to not more than 350 ppm; and

WHEREAS, the international community has designated Saturday, October 24, 2009, as International Climate Action Day - a day of teaching, religious services, gatherings, and rallies throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the UN Climate Change Conference, taking place in Copenhagen, Denmark, from December 7-18, 2009, is of critical importance to all citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, a binding, fair, scientific, and sound agreement at the UN Climate Change Conference is equally important, and citizens are encouraged to not only be aware of the UN Climate Change Conference, but to review the UN petition, "Seal the Deal!"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Neal Coonerty, Chairperson of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby declare Saturday, October 24, 2009, as Climate Action Day in Santa Cruz County and encourage residents to be aware of the UN Climate Change Conference and to discuss ways to reduce energy use and carbon dioxide emissions.





Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

October 24, 2009

Date