

EARTH DAY

LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA USA
THE VERNAL EQUINOX
(MARCH 20, 2006)

PROCLAMATION

In 1969, former Laguna Beach area resident, John McConnell, proposed the creation of an event whose scope was both international and universal, an event that would not be tied to one particular place or holiday. This was McConnell's vision of Earth Day - a coming together of all peoples of the planet to recognize that the earth, magnificent, vast and mighty, is fragile. Earth Day was to be, and has become, a realization that the earth, its resources and its inhabitants, plant and animal, are finite. It is an acknowledgement that the older generation is only borrowing the planet from the younger and that the loan must be honored and the earth returned in a condition better than when inherited. Finally, it is a recognition that care must be taken and that without such care the magnificence of the earth and its inhabitants will dwindle, recede and, perhaps, disappear. McConnell and those of like mind around the world have celebrated Earth Day since its inception in a growing number to ensure the protection and preservation of this endangered planet.

WHEREAS, Laguna Beach is familiar with the fragile areas located within its boundaries and has fought for a way to preserve them and at the same time acknowledge the concept of urban growth; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Beach is known worldwide for the beauty of its canyons, hills and beaches and has dedicated itself to their preservation; and

WHEREAS, Laguna Beach recognizes its place among those cities, towns, states and nations worldwide who seek to join together in union and harmony in furtherance of John McConnell's vision for the protection of planet earth.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth Pearson-Schneider, Mayor of Laguna Beach, hereby proclaim The Vernal Equinox, this year falling on March 20, 2006 at 10:26 AM (Pacific Standard Time) or 18:26 UTC (Greenwich, England), and The Vernal Equinox of all coming years, to be a day of celebration in Laguna Beach, California called Earth Day.

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