



International Federation of Environmental Health

26th September 2011

PROCLAMATION

By the Council of the International Federation of Environmental Health

“WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY”

Whereas environmental health addresses all the physical, chemical, and biological factors external to a person, and all the related factors impacting behaviours;

Whereas environmental health encompasses the assessment and control of those environmental factors that can potentially affect health, and is targeted towards preventing disease and creating health-supportive environments;

Whereas the International Federation of Environmental Health aims to provide a focal point for national organisations of professionals, whose concern is the care of the environment in the interests of the public health;

Whereas the International Federation of Environmental Health has worked for the past twenty five years to represent the interests of environmental health to national governments, state agencies and international organisations and to promote the study of environmental health;

Whereas the International Federation of Environmental Health recognises the continuing threats to human health posed by pollution, climate change, urbanisation, globalisation and poverty, and the urgent need to adopt a preventive approach so as to maintain and improve the quality of the natural environment, air, water, food, housing and communities in order to reduce the impact of disease and the public health;

Whereas the services provided by environmental health professionals heightens the visibility, worth and significance of environmental health to the general public, governments and the public and private sectors;

Whereas the core services provided by environmental health professionals are essential elements in building healthy populations and these core services include food safety, sanitation, the protection of drinking and recreation water quality, the protection of indoor and outdoor air quality, communicable disease control, tobacco control, vector management, emergency management and disaster preparedness, and,

Whereas the International Federation of Environmental Health recognizes that the dedication and work of environmental health professionals, environmental health educators and students around the world;

Whereas the International Federation of Environmental Health therefore deems it fitting to further promote the improvement of environmental parameters and services of environmental health professionals by declaring that 26 September be celebrated as World Environmental Health Day, and

Whereas the International Federation of Environmental Health declares that in support and recognition of the inaugural Environmental Health Youth Summit to be held in Indonesia in association with the annual meeting of the Council of the Federation, that 26th September 2011 be deemed the foundational World Environmental Health Day.

In testimony whereof we, the Board of Directors of the International Federation of Environmental Health, cause the seal of the Federation to be affixed. Signed this 26th Day of September 2011.

Robert W. Bradbury, President

Dr. Peter Davey, President-Elect

Raymond Ellard, Honorary Secretary

Stephen Cooper, Honorary Treasurer