

**RESOLUTION 2014-1999**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM  
APRIL 2014 AS A PERIOD IN HONOR OF MARIN COUNTY EARTH MONTH, FOR  
NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARENESS**

**LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT**

RESOLVED, by the Sanitary Board of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, Marin County, California, in participation with Earth Day, as follows:

WHEREAS, Since the first Earth Day in 1970, the collective actions of millions of Americans have resulted in sweeping laws to protect our air, water and lands around us; and

WHEREAS, our planet is at a turning point in its climate, pollution, waste, population, fresh water availability and resources; and Marin County intends to do its part for environmental protection on behalf of present and future generations, and

WHEREAS, every day unused medications are disposed of down the toilet or thrown away in the garbage, and

WHEREAS, the increasing numbers and quantities of pharmaceutical drugs in our waters are now known to pose serious threats to the environment, to wildlife and to human health, and

WHEREAS, sewer treatment plants cannot effectively remove all pharmaceuticals that are excreted and/or flushed down the toilet, impacting bay waters and areas where recycled water is used, and

WHEREAS, drugs that are thrown away in the garbage also enter the waterways, and

WHEREAS, alternatives exist to remove unused and expired pharmaceuticals from the waste stream, including drug take-back programs, and

WHEREAS, the general public would do the right thing in disposing of their unused medications if they were made aware of the alternatives that exist, and

WHEREAS, local take-back programs currently in place as yet do not allow the take-back of regulated medications, and

WHEREAS, take-back programs have been shown to be a cost-effective and efficient means of removing these pharmaceuticals from disposal that contaminates the environment, and

WHEREAS, the District has already been the sponsor for an effective and popular take-back programs for the residents, and

WHEREAS, the District supports a clean and safe environment for its residents; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention is an approach to environmental protection that focuses on prevention, and therefore a preferable strategy for protecting our environment; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention can increase industrial efficiency and save businesses money; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention offers both environmental protection and increased economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, by focusing attention on pollution prevention, the District will meet the continuing challenges of the new millennium for economic competitiveness, environmental protection and environmental regulation; and

WHEREAS, to support an environmentally sound and sustainable system of life, individuals, environmental organizations, businesses, educators, government officials and community leaders must once again stand together in collective action to declare our shared resolve to make a difference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District hereby proclaims April 2014 EARTH MONTH, dedicated to public activities promoting protection, restoration and preservation of our environment.

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I hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Sanitary Board of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, Marin County, California, at a meeting thereof held on April 24, 2014, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES, and if favor thereof, Members: *Clark, Elias, Greenfield, Murray, Schrickman*  
NOES, Members: *none*  
ABSENT, Members: *none*  
ABSTAIN, Members: *none*

*Carolyn A. Memmott*  
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Carolyn A. Memmott, District Secretary  
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

APPROVED:

*[Handwritten signature of Craig K. Murray]*

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Craig K. Murray, President Board of Directors

