WHEREAS, the practice of environmental health in the world is critical to the well-being of humankind and the protection of the earth’s resources; and,

WHEREAS, the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) works to disseminate knowledge concerning environmental health and promote co-operation between countries where environmental health issues are across all borders and boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) acknowledges World Environmental Health Day and celebrates this year’s theme, Emerging Environmental Health Risks and Challenges for Tomorrow; and,

WHEREAS, NEHA is honored to partner with the IFEH and will host the 2014 IFEH Congress and 2014 NEHA Annual Educational Conference; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of World Environmental Health Day, September 26, 2013, the NEHA Board of Directors is committed to:

- Join with IFEH to offer training and education to environmental health professionals from around the globe,
- Continue partnering with federal/state/local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and industry stakeholders to create and promote a sustainable, healthful, and integrated food safety system,
- Support adoption of official positions and policies to advocate and promote environmental and public health protection in the areas of sustainability, safe food from farm-to-fork for our communities, safe drinking water, and emergency preparedness and response,
- Disseminate current and cutting edge information to members and international colleagues with expediency and minimal use of our planet’s resources through NEHA e-NEWS and e-Journal,
- Promote the use of e-learning tools, resources, and relevant technology to enhance the skills and expertise of environmental health professionals while building environmental health community capacity and awareness,
- Identify and acknowledge innovative, educational, and sustainability efforts,
- Enhance its mentorship and leadership programs to assist graduating students entering the workforce and support aspiring environmental health professionals.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the National Environmental Health Association joins its global partners and friends to recognize 26 September 2013 as World Environmental Health Day.

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