

PROCLAMATION FROM CITY OF NEW LONDON

WHEREAS, environmental justice is based on the principle that all people have a right to be protected from environmental pollution and to enjoy a clean and healthful environment; and

WHEREAS, lower income communities and communities of color in Connecticut and other New England states have been and continue to be overburdened by a higher density of known contaminated sites, air and water contamination, reduced quality of life, adverse public health outcomes, and depressed land and housing values, as compared to other communities; and

WHEREAS, the New England Environmental Justice Forum connects community activists, residents, environmental justice advocates, attorneys, scholars, and policymakers from all six New England states who are interested in the environment and public health in low income communities and communities of color; and,

WHEREAS, the New England Environmental Justice Forum hosts in-person gatherings to ensure a structured way for people in New England to come together, share ideas, and learn from one another; and,

WHEREAS, the Forum chose to host the New England Environmental Justice Summit 2014 in New London, Connecticut in partnership with local host, Partners in Healthy Communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Forum serves as a model for other organizations and for our community, in that they aim to strengthen the environmental justice movement so that all people experience equal protection from environmental burdens, equal access to environmental benefits, and meaningful involvement in decisions affecting their neighborhood;

Now, Therefore, I, Daryl Justin Finizio, Mayor of the City of New London,
Connecticut, proclaim that the New England Environmental Justice Forum and Partners in Healthy Communities are to be recognized and thanked for building the regional environmental justice movement and working for healthy, sustainable communities especially for low-income residents and people of color.


New London Mayor Daryl Justin Finizio

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