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The U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development (USPESD) K-12 & Teacher Education Sector, with its educational partners across the nation, invites students, educators, schools, colleges of education, and community members to join in the recognition of Education for Sustainability Week November 7-11, 2011. The USPESD encourages participation in sustainability education learning opportunities throughout the school year. National Sustainability Education Week is a time to celebrate what communities are already doing to educate for sustainability and to mobilize others to join in this work. Teaching resources and sustainability standards for the K-12 education community are available at www.uspartnership.org.

RESOLUTION OF THE U.S. PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT K-12 & TEACHER EDUCATION SECTOR

Sustainability Education Week November 7-11, 2011

WHEREAS, sustainability resides at the intersection of a vibrant economy, an equitable society, and a healthy environment in the interest of meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, humanity and the planet today face unprecedented challenges such as climate change, food and water shortages, environmental degradation, conflict, and global health issues which must be addressed through critical and creative thinking and innovative problem solving; and

WHEREAS, sustainability education helps students learn skills, perspectives, and values that can guide and motivate them to seek sustainable livelihoods, fully participate in a democratic society, and live in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, colleges of education and teachers play a vital role in creating a more just and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, school and district operations and services can contribute toward a learning model that is educating for sustainability; and

WHEREAS, sustainability literacy is a prerequisite for participating in the emerging green economy and for engaging with critical local, regional, and global issues; and

WHEREAS, young people will benefit academically and personally from expanded opportunities to engage in sustainability education learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, young people today have the motivation and ability to make important contributions to the creation of a sustainable world both now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, young people should be valued for the idealism, passion, energy, creativity, and commitment they bring to the challenges in their communities.

RESOLVED, that the second week of November be devoted to the recognition of students, teachers, colleges of education, and the larger community working to create sustainable communities; and

RESOLVED, that the second week of November be designated as National Sustainability Education Week.

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