RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND LEADERSHIP IN FOSTERING AWARENESS ABOUT THE USE OF SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES

WHEREAS, in 2004, California Polytechnic State University President Warren Baker signed the international Talloires Declaration—a ten-point action plan for incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations and outreach at colleges and universities—which has been signed by over 300 university presidents and chancellors from more than 40 countries; and,

WHEREAS, in October 2005, a team of Cal Poly students competed against teams from 17 other universities from the U.S., Canada, and Europe at the Department of Energy’s Solar Decathlon in Washington D.C.; and,

WHEREAS, the Cal Poly team was awarded first place in the performance of energy-efficient appliances and lighting category; second place in the architecture, dwelling and comfort design category; and placed third in the overall competition; and,

WHEREAS, that team incorporated the energy-efficient philosophy and appropriate use of renewable technology of the Green Building Initiative and the Governor’s Executive Order S 20-04 into its winning design, including the use of solar measures which reduced the need for grid-based electricity; and,

WHEREAS, in January, the California State University system’s policy, which encourages all CSU campuses to increase energy conservation, renewable power generation, and sustainable building practices, was implemented; and,

WHEREAS, Cal Poly designated January 2006 as “Sustainability Month,” hosting speakers, events and activities focused on the theme: “Sustainability: Resolve to Change Your World.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby recognize and congratulate Cal Poly for its leadership in and commitment to encouraging sustainability practices.