
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

California's beautiful ocean and coastline are two of our most fantastic natural wonders. These waters are home to fascinating sea life, and they provide recreation and livelihood for many, helping to fuel the state's \$46 billion dollar ocean and coastal economy. Most importantly, the Pacific and the other oceans of the world generate most of the oxygen we breathe. The majesty that is the ocean deserves the utmost protection, as it is not limitless and faces serious threats to its vitality.

For example, challenges such as over-fishing, garbage dumping and oil spills have greatly stressed the ocean's ability to sustain itself. While these are serious issues that need to be addressed globally, we as individuals can take steps to help protect the purity of the ocean. Everybody can pitch in, from those who live on the coast to those living far inland, by helping to clean up a beach or properly disposing of motor oil and other waste so it does not flow into our storm drains. By combining government initiatives such as the Ocean Action Plan with the efforts of our citizens, I am confident we can improve the ocean's health and preserve it for future generations.

On Thank You Ocean Day, we pause to reflect on the many benefits the world's oceans provide, as well as resolve to protect marine ecosystems. I applaud all those who are working to protect our oceans and encourage everyone to learn more about the Thank You Ocean campaign, at www.thankyouocean.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2007, as "Thank You Ocean Day" in California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 22nd day of May 2007.



Arnold Schwarzenegger
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Debra Bowen
SECRETARY OF STATE