



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all species play a unique role in the complex web of life and contribute to the ecosystem upon which all life on Earth depends; hence, protecting this ecosystem is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, wild animal populations are declining, and the Earth faces an era of mass extinction, which is for the most part a result of human activity, including degradation of ecosystems, deforestation, pollution, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2050, between 60-70% of all people will live in cities and biodiversity and the natural environment play an important part in city life, including generating oxygen, purifying the air, controlling pests and the spread of disease, pollination, and providing recreational opportunities and well-being; and

WHEREAS, many plants, wild animals, and pollinators live in urbanized landscapes, and cities thereby have a responsibility to examine the ecological impacts of expanding urban areas and ways to protect biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to cooperate locally and internationally to defend the environmental progress that has been gained; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to expand and diversify the global environmental movement to address the challenges of the present and future; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental stewardship, advocacy, and sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS, this is the fiftieth anniversary of the first Earth Day proposed by Wisconsin Governor and United States Senator Gaylord Nelson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, have the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2020 as

Earth Day

in Appleton, and I encourage all citizens, businesses, and institutions to celebrate the earth and promote the protection of our species and environment.

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of April 2020.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

