

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**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 in large 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 wellbeing; and

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

**WHEREAS**, it is more important than ever to cooperate locally and internationally to continue making progress, because sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2021 as

## Earth Day

in Appleton and encourage residents, businesses, and institutions to celebrate the Earth and promote the protection of our species and environment.

Signed and sealed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON