

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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TITLE: **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2023 AS EARTH DAY IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

WHEREAS, on April 22, 1970, millions of people from every corner of our country joined in common cause to demand basic protections to safeguard our planet for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day helped transform the ways we interact with the world around us, and it changed how we view our impact on the natural world -- inspiring the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and landmark legislation that protects the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the animals that live alongside us; and

WHEREAS, today, we resolve to build on the progress made in the nearly half-century since, and we reaffirm our commitment to leaving a clean, healthy Earth for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, just as the people who came together on Earth Day in 1970 embraced their responsibility to preserve our planet, today we face a threat that also requires collective action; and

WHEREAS, human activity is disrupting the climate, and the challenge of combating climate change is one that will define the contours of our time; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change are already evident in stronger storms, deeper droughts, more rapidly eroding soil, and longer wildfire seasons -- and as of last year, 14 of the 15 warmest years on record have occurred since 2000; and

WHEREAS, this urgent threat will worsen with each passing year unless we act now; and

WHEREAS, no country can solve this challenge alone.

WHEREAS, we each have a role to play in ensuring that we do not pass a world beyond repair on to our children; and

WHEREAS, everyone must do their part, and as long as we unite to protect the one planet we have, we can leave it in better shape for future generations; and

WHEREAS, on Earth Day, let us all accept our individual responsibilities to care for the world we live in, and let us marshal our best efforts toward building a safer, more stable, and more sustainable world.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do recognize April 22, 2023 as Earth Day in the City of Township.

Adopted: April 4, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President

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