

**2023 RES-018**  
**RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2023 AS EARTH DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental conservation while recognizing the protection of our land, water, and air; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, who called for a “national teach-in on the crisis of the environment” to be held on April 22, 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Nelson aimed to send a message to Washington, DC, from people across the nation that public opinion called for clean water and air and the protection of our environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day motivated 20 million Americans, including 2,000 colleges, to organize together to advocate for a diverse array of solutions to climate challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Nelson's leadership and the impacts of the first Earth Day went on to produce the Environmental Decade, which ushered in the support of environmental legislation such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and stringent amendments to strengthen the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is now celebrated in 193 countries around the world, creating opportunities for civic engagement and community collaboration to leave a more prosperous natural environment for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, April 22, 2023, is the 53rd anniversary of Earth Day and events will take place across Dane County, all of Wisconsin, and throughout the world, to encourage actions on behalf of our planet to safeguard our natural resources and protect our environment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognize April 22, 2023, as Earth Day and encourage all residents of Dane County to continue actions to preserve our environment for all to enjoy.

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Patrick Miles, Chair  
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Scott McDonell,  
Dane County Clerk