

# COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

## PROCLAMATION

Recognizing April 22, 2026, as Earth Day

Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring an appreciation of our nation's natural resources through conservation and environmental protection.

From the conception of Earth Day, activists across Minnesota have engaged in this national movement and established a tradition of environmental consciousness. On the very first Earth Day in 1970, approximately 350 University of Minnesota students protested unsustainable energy practices.

Indigenous movements in Minnesota have organized to preserve the health and stability of the environment.

The global community is facing extraordinary environmental challenges, such as climate extremes, public health issues, economic strains, and food and water shortages.

These challenges will continue to have more severe, negative, and lasting impacts on every member of our global community and have been found to disproportionately affect people with low income, people of color, indigenous communities, and immigrants.

The people of Columbia Heights must continue to step forward and take action to create positive environmental changes to combat these extraordinary challenges.

People and organizations across Columbia Heights celebrate Earth Month with activities throughout April in recognition of our commitment to environmental stewardship while remembering that one day is not enough.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim and recognize April 22, 2026, as **Earth Day** in the City of Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

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**Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor**  
**April XX, 2026**