



**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS  
PROCLAIMING THE Month of April 22, 2022, AS  
“Earth Day”**

- WHEREAS,** The first Earth Day was proclaimed in 1970 to educate people on responsible environmental stewardship, protect the environment, and conserve resources; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2009, the United Nations declared April 22 to be International Mother Earth Day, and Earth Day is now widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action; and
- WHEREAS,** Our region is known for its varied ecological regions, limestone geology, canyons brimmed with oak and Ashe-junipers, clear creeks, spring-fed rivers, and natural spaces like the Charro Ranch Park that was created with the generous donation of 64.73 acres of open, undeveloped land by Lucy Hibberd in 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2014, Dripping Springs was the first city in Texas, and sixth in the world designated as an International Dark Sky Community, and was recently designated as "Bird City" by the Audubon Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department thanks to ongoing community advocacy and partnerships; and
- WHEREAS,** While Texas’s bird list of nearly 650 species ranks second among the states, and our Texas Hill Country is the sole breeding home to the rare Golden-cheeked Warbler, and the suitable mature juniper-oak woodlands that it relies on to nest has been diminished with the rapid suburban development of our region; and
- WHEREAS,** Groups like the Hays County Master Naturalist, Hays County Friends of the Night Sky, the Native Plant Society of Texas, and Audubon Texas offer many educational campaigns, resources, and volunteer opportunities to help preserve and protect our environment and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** This annual celebration is a reminder that everyone has a role to play every day to help address the challenges and create positive local environmental protections to promote sustainability efforts for current and future generations.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas:**

1. That the April 22, 2022, be proclaimed as “Earth Day,” in the City of Dripping Springs.
2. The City Council invites our citizens to increase their awareness and support of local efforts to preserve and protect the many wonders of our region for generations to come.

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Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor