

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM

Proclaiming April 22, 2026, as Earth Day, Celebrated on April 18, 2026

WHEREAS, Senator Gaylord Nelson and student activist Denis Hayes organized the first Earth Day rallies on April 22, 1970 across the United States, which signaled that protecting the environment is an important goal of the American people, creating the modern environmental movement and landmark pieces of environmental legislation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day has evolved into the world's largest civic event, uniting people across 192 countries in a shared celebration and citizenship of our planet. With this year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet," Folsom proudly joins the worldwide effort on April 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom recognizes that an environment free of pollution increases property values, enhances economic vitality, protects native species, maintains air and water quality, and beautifies our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom acknowledges the ongoing efforts of City staff to comply with state and federal environmental regulations that protect our community and natural resources for future generations.

WHEREAS, in 2025, the City of Folsom utilized roughly 1,054 tons of recovered organic waste through Community Service Day, landscape projects, and the self-serve compost pile, all of which were used locally; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom diverts 54 tons per day of organic material from the landfill, contributing to statewide waste-reduction and sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom is committed to sharing information about sustainability initiatives and inspiring stewardship of our distinct natural environment:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Justin Raithel, Mayor of the City of Folsom, on behalf of the Folsom City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2026, as Earth Day, which will be celebrated on April 18 with Earth Day volunteer opportunities at Lions Park.

PROCLAIMED this 14th day of April 2026.

Justin Raithel, MAYOR

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FOLSOM
DISTINCTIVE BY NATURE