



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, to inspire environmental awareness and encourage conservation, protection, and appreciation of our rich and diverse natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Collins community and its leaders have a legacy of regional, national, and global leadership in addressing environmental sustainability priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has placed a high priority on advancing the community's environmental health objectives, including twelve Council priorities that aim to make the ambitions of Earth Day an everyday experience for all community members in Fort Collins; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusive outreach, engagement, and representation are crucial to ensure sustainability efforts are equitable, just, and consistent with the community's adopted zero waste, renewable electricity, climate action, water conservation, sustainable land use and transportation, and land conservation goals and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, all parts of the Fort Collins community have pivotal roles and expertise that contributes to a more equitable, sustainable, and regenerative future, including leadership, traditional knowledge, cultural wisdom, creativity, and innovative solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day offers the Fort Collins community an opportunity to make, renew, and celebrate commitments to each other, and to future generations, that will protect and improve the quality of life on Earth for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Collins is a sponsor of the Sustainable Living Association's annual Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 2023 and encourages all community members to join in celebration at that event or other events, programs, and celebrations throughout the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby observe this day and celebrate April 22, 2023 as

## EARTH DAY

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of April, 2023.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk