

Proclamation

Earth Day 2023

WHEREAS, the global community faces challenges such as health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, we are all caretakers of our planet and have an obligation to combat climate change and environmental degradation to preserve the Earth's beauty and resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville has implemented many environmental sustainability programs including Fix a Leak Week, Rain Barrels and Stormwater Stroll; and

WHEREAS, in a partnership with MountainTrue, the City of Hendersonville implemented the Working to be Plastic Free program last year, encouraging our business community to take steps towards eliminating single use plastics; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville honors pollinators such as birds and insects, including the Monarch butterfly, and their importance in our environment and food supply chain by partnering with Bullington Gardens to continue our Bee City accreditation and by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hendersonville's Environmental Sustainability Board, in association with many of our local area organizations & environmental champions, will host the first ever Hendo Earth Fest on Saturday, April 22, 2023 in Downtown Hendersonville to educate, entertain and raise awareness of our need to protect our planet for future generations; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2023 marks the 53rd anniversary of the Earth Day movement, let it be known that the City of Hendersonville, North Carolina, encourages all businesses, institutions, and individuals to celebrate the Earth and commit to caring for the planet and its resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023 to be:

“Earth Day”

in the City of Hendersonville and encourage all our citizens and businesses to combat climate change and environmental degradation, support green economy initiatives, and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of April, 2023.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Jill Murray, City Clerk