

Earth Week 2022

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, Stormwater Stroll; and

WHEREAS, in a partnership with MountainTrue, the City of Hendersonville implemented the Working to be Plastic Free program this 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, community mural projects, outreach initiatives, pollinator gardens, and by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge; and

WHEREAS, we continue to be reminded of the extraordinary importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment and of the necessity to broaden and diversify this global movement to achieve maximum success; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2022 marks the 52nd 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 19 through April 24, 2022 to be:

"Earth Week"

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 7th day of April 2022

Seal	Barbara G. Volk, Mayor City of Hendersonville
	Attest:
	Angela Reece, City Clerk