



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was organized on April 22, 1970, to increase awareness of our planet's fragile ecosystems and educate people on responsible environmental stewardship.

The City has been honored with climate awards such as Green Power Community of the Year in 2013 by the EPA, and the Department of Energy's SolSmart Gold designation in 2018.

The City has continued to support sustainability efforts by:

- Committing to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 95% by 2050, in alignment with King County targets
- Requiring that Town Center commercial developments meet at least LEED Gold or Built Green 4-Star sustainable construction standards
- Powering municipal buildings with 100% carbon-free electricity from a Western Washington windfarm
- Adopting its first comprehensive Climate Action Plan

Mercer Island also advocates for state & county-level greenhouse gas reductions through its founding membership in, and active support of, both the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration and the Eastside Climate Partnership.

Every year, Earth Day offers an opportunity to recommit to building a flourishing, sustainable, and equitable community for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2024, as

EARTH DAY

in the City of Mercer Island and encourage all residents and businesses to be responsible stewards of our Island, the climate, and our planet. Thank you for joining us in celebration at the City's Leap for Green Earth Day Fair on Saturday, April 20.

APPROVED, this 16th day of April, 2024

Mayor Salim Nice

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