



AGENDA REPORT

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| MEETING DATE: | April 13, 2026 | Regular |
| DEPARTMENT: | Communications | Mayor Peyton Jamison |
| SECTION OF AGENDA: | Reports & Presentations | April 13, 2026 |
| | N/A | |
| AGENDA ITEM TITLE: | Proclamation Recognizing April 22 as Earth Day and Connecting Residents with the Environment | |
| STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: | To officially recognize April 22, 2026, as Earth Day in the City of Milton and highlight the City’s commitment to environmental stewardship, while promoting resident engagement in Earth-focused activities throughout the month. | |
| FINANCIAL IMPACT: | None | |
| RECOMMENDED ACTION: | Move to approve and adopt the proclamation recognizing April 22, 2026, as Earth Day in the City of Milton. | |
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BACKGROUND:

Earth Day was first observed in the United States on April 22, 1970, and has since grown into a global celebration of environmental awareness. The City of Milton has a long-standing tradition of participating in Earth Day events and promoting responsible stewardship of its unique natural resources. Recently, Milton achieved Gold-level Green Community Status, reflecting its ongoing efforts to protect the environment for current and future generations. Throughout the month of April 2026, the City will offer residents multiple opportunities to connect with nature, including guided hikes, educational programs, recycling events, and community gatherings, with a highlight celebration at Milton City Park and Preserve on April 18, where all can come to celebrate the expanded trail, learn about the natural world, and take part in activities.

ANALYSIS:

Recognizing Earth Day formally underscores the City of Milton’s commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability. It highlights the City’s achievements, including attaining Gold-level Green Community Status, and promotes resident engagement through educational and recreational activities. Proclaiming April 22, 2026 as Earth Day encourages community participation, reinforces environmental values, and strengthens the City’s image as a leader in conservation and sustainable practices.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Mayor and City Council approve the proclamation recognizing April 22, 2026, as Earth Day in the City of Milton and encourage resident participation in the planned Earth-focused activities.



REVIEWS & APPROVALS:

Concurrent Review: Steven Krokoff, City Manager

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ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Proclamation

Recognizing April 22 as Earth Day and Connecting Residents with the Environment

- WHEREAS,** people love Milton for its unique natural beauty and access to special outdoor spaces, which are both worth preserving; and
- WHEREAS,** these speak to the unique connection that our residents have with the environment – something that we celebrate every day, and especially on and around Earth Day; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States first marked Earth Day on April 22, 1970, with global recognition coming two decades later; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Milton has joined this celebration throughout its history, understanding the value of protecting and promoting responsible environmental stewardship; and
- WHEREAS,** Milton recently rose to Gold-level Green Community Status for our government's efforts to support and safeguard the environment for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS,** this month we will give residents opportunities to connect with nature like a guided Providence Park hike, Earth-focused Toddler Tuesday, electronics recycling event, and a horse-themed Meet the Neighbors at a City greenspace; and
- WHEREAS,** Earth Week's highlight will be April 18 when all can come to Milton City Park and Preserve to celebrate the expanded trail, learn about the natural world, and take part in activities; and
- WHEREAS,** we are excited to join our neighbors in these upcoming events, as well as in our year-round commitment to the environment.

Now, therefore, we — the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton — recognize April 22, 2026, as Earth Day in Milton and invite residents to the many environmentally-minded activities planned throughout April.

Given under our hand and seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 13th day of April 2026.

Peyton Jamison, Mayor