

City of Wilsonville

2024 Earth Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year marks the 54th anniversary of Earth Day, which began in 1970 as a long-term endeavor to make the planet clean, healthy, and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated around the globe by people of all backgrounds, faiths and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, the global community faces challenges such as environmental degradation, extreme weather events, health issues, resource 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, Wilsonville has always recognized the importance of protecting, conserving, and restoring our natural resources, which ensures a livable and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, community members of all ages can contribute to building a healthy society through the wise use and protection of our natural resources, including our air, water, and natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, this year's Earth Day theme is "Planet vs. Plastics," which unites individuals, businesses, organizations, and governments in reducing the use of plastics and building a plastic-free future for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Wilsonville, urge all citizens to celebrate Earth Day and to support efforts to raise environmental awareness and protect our environment; and

Further, I encourage all citizens to participate in Wilsonville's Earth Day celebration on April 20, 2024, 10 am – 2 pm, at the Center for Research in Environmental Sciences and Technologies (CREST).

Dated this 15th day of April 2024

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor