

EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the first EARTH DAY was celebrated on April 22, 1970, making 2020 the 50th anniversary; and
- WHEREAS,** EARTH DAY originated in the United States and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event; and
- WHEREAS,** the Earth is something we all have in common; and
- WHEREAS,** all creatures of this Earth have a right to clean water, clean air and a wholly healthy environment; and
- WHEREAS,** a healthy environment is crucial for life, social structures and economies the world over; and
- WHEREAS,** humankind is currently facing many global environmental challenges including climate change, loss of biodiversity, continued environmental degradation through pollution, deforestation, and a need for better waste solutions; and
- WHEREAS,** these problems were not created in a day and therefore will not be solved in a day; and
- WHEREAS,** individual actions, even small ones, can collectively make a big difference; and
- WHEREAS,** President John F. Kennedy once said "There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long-range risks of comfortable inaction."; and
- WHEREAS,** each person can effect change by making conscious and responsible decisions to produce less waste, use less water, protect water quality, cleaning up litter, recycling, reusing materials, improve energy efficiency, use public or alternative transportation, plant climate-appropriate vegetation, educate ourselves and others on environmental topics
- WHEREAS,** EARTH DAY is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism and an opportunity to renew our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability
- WHEREAS,** every year on April 22, people from all walks of life participate in environmental stewardship activities; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Lambert, Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 22, 2020 to be observed and celebrated as

Earth Day

in the City of Moscow, a special day to remember our Earth; a day dedicated to increasing environmental awareness and to encourage action to preserve the Earth for all to enjoy both today and into the future.

DATED this 22nd day of April, 2020





Bill Lambert, Mayor