

## EARTH WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Earth is a closed system that generations of inhabitants change for good or ill, that we share with contemporaries everywhere, and leave to our successors, and

**WHEREAS,** Earth Day is celebrated around the globe as a reminder of our individual and collective responsibility to care for this precious and vulnerable place, and

**WHEREAS,** The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, and

**WHEREAS,** Human activities contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, global climate variability, the melting of glaciers and polar ice, thawing of permafrost, rising sea levels, and changing ecosystems, and

**WHEREAS,** Environmental health affects life, social structures, and economies around the world, and

**WHEREAS,** We can do our parts individually, and effect big differences collectively, by making conscious and responsible purchasing decisions, reducing waste, using less water and protecting its quality, improving building efficiency, employing renewable energy technologies, favoring compact development, using public transit or non-motorized modes of transportation, planting trees and native vegetation, educating ourselves and others about the environment, cleaning up litter, saying “no” to plastic bags, and more, and

**WHEREAS,** Moscow community members have stepped-up the number and substance of activities to commemorate Earth Day in meaningful ways throughout the week,


**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho do hereby proclaim April 18-22, 2011 as

### ***Earth Week***

in the City of Moscow, and I urge citizens to reflect on Earth's tender gifts, to plant trees and flowers, clean the environment, and take part in other activities to celebrate the quality of life that we enjoy and the natural resources that are necessary to support it, now and in the future.



DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

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Nancy Chaney, Mayor