

Resolution No. 539-2025

By Council Members McCormack, Bishop, Conwell, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse-Jones, Jones, Kazy, Kelly, Maurer, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Spencer, Starr

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Recognizing April 22, 2025, as Earth Day in the City of Cleveland.

FOR ADOPTION
April 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the first celebration of Earth Day was the largest environmental grassroots event ever held at that time and galvanized legislative and grassroots activity including the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and passage of legislation such as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, new and continuing challenges, including climate change, pollution, and loss of forest, wetlands, and other wildlife habitats, reinforce the need for adequate protections for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we inhabit, and the animals we live alongside; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day serves as an opportunity to learn from one another and build community by engaging in projects, initiatives, and campaigns to protect and restore the planet and build resilient neighborhoods, including caring for and planting trees, removing litter, using public transit, walking and biking, conserving water and energy, and other environmentally responsible actions; and

Whereas Earth Day is an annual celebration created to promote environmental citizenship and action year-round; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council recognizes April 22, 2025 as Earth Day in the City of Cleveland.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

KPM:rns

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REPORT
after second Reading

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