

Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as Earth Day in the city of Columbus

WHEREAS, celebrating Earth Day represents all of the hard work that has been done and will continue to be done to protect our planet and keep our families safe; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970. Earth Day 2019 is dedicated to protecting endangered and threatened species including bees, coral reefs, elephants, giraffes, insects, whales, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Green Columbus is a Central Ohio nonprofit organization that started the local celebration of Earth Day Columbus in 2007. Earth Day Columbus helps coordinate volunteer opportunities during Earth Day Service Week, while also organizing the Earth Day Celebration at Genoa Park; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Earth Day Columbus has helped Central Ohioans plant more than 130,000 trees, volunteer over 120,000 hours, and resulted in more than \$3 million worth of goods and services being donated in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council encourages all residents to volunteer during Earth Day Service Week and thank the many people and organizations in our community who dedicate their time during this week to clean their neighborhoods and help our environment; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS**: That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as Earth Day in the City of Columbus.