



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since April 22, 1970, annual Earth Day celebrations have demonstrated a compelling commitment among millions of Americans to deepen public knowledge of the complex relationships between people and their daily activities and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day in New Jersey symbolizes the importance our State places on stewardship, conservation and sustainability and serves to unify all of us on the urgent need to safeguard our environment every day, year-round; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was created 50 years ago on America's first official Earth Day, proclaiming our state's determination to put forth an integrated, coordinated statewide effort to protect our water, air, land and natural and historic resources and to maintain a superior quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the DEP's dedicated men and women take tremendous pride in celebrating the agency's milestone birthday and the significant environmental progress achieved during the past five decades; and

WHEREAS, the DEP, as a national leader in environmental protection, clean energy and natural-resource management, recognizes that climate change is a growing threat to our health, our communities, our natural resources and our economy; and

WHEREAS, the DEP uses the best science available to protect public health, support New Jersey's diverse natural resources and create vibrant and sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, the DEP on Earth Day and every day reaffirms its commitment to advancing the agency's critical mission by taking substantive action to reduce and respond to climate change, safeguard New Jersey's water, revitalize our communities and protect public health, manage and promote thriving natural and historic resources, and strengthen the DEP; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all residents learn more about our environment and take an active role in incorporating sustainable practices into their daily lives to combat climate change and lessen their impact on our precious natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 22, 2020
AS
EARTH DAY

in New Jersey and encourage all New Jerseyans to celebrate this special day by renewing their commitment to doing all they can every day to protect the quality of our environment for fellow residents and for future generations.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixteenth day of April in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.


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