

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, all species play a unique role in the complex web of life and contribute to the ecosystem upon which all life on Earth depends; hence, protecting this ecosystem is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, wild animal populations are declining, and the Earth faces an era of mass extinction, which is in large part a result of human activity, including degradation of ecosystems, deforestation, pollution, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2050, as many as 80% of all people will live in cities and biodiversity and the natural environment play an important part in city life, including generating oxygen, purifying the air, controlling pests and the spread of disease, pollination, and providing recreational opportunities and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, many plants, wild animals, and pollinators live in urbanized landscapes, and cities thereby have a responsibility to examine the ecological impacts of their activities and ways to protect biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to cooperate locally and internationally to continue making progress, because sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental stewardship, advocacy, and sustainability efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2026, as

Earth Day

in Appleton and encourage residents, businesses, and institutions to celebrate the Earth and promote the protection of our species and environment.

Signed and sealed this 25th day of March 2026.



JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON



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