



PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING APRIL 22ND, 2024 AS EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, The first Earth Day was proclaimed in 1970 in order to foster public awareness of the need to protect the environment and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, the year 2024 represents the 54th anniversary of celebrating Earth Day and this year's Earth Day theme is "Planet vs Plastic". The first goal is to bring widespread awareness to the importance of ending plastic pollution by helping everyone understand the impacts of plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS, Plastics are the most common type of marine debris. More than 200 species have been documented consuming plastic and it is estimated that at least 14 million tons end up in the ocean annually. The breakdown of larger plastics in our environment leads to microplastics that are found nearly everywhere in our world including in the human body. The impacts of single use plastics on the environment and public health are widespread; and

WHEREAS, some things that you can do to celebrate this year's Earth Day theme include; supporting our pollinators by bringing native bees and other pollinating creatures in to your home garden and backyard, cleaning up litter and plastic in your neighborhood, Planting a tree, Replacing your lawn with native plants, Conserve Water, Recycle your food waste so that it can become compost used in gardens and agriculture businesses, Look up fun activities with your family and friends and implement them year round; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino values its partnership with the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee and all the organizations in our community that work to create an environmentally friendly Mendocino County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims April 22, 2024, as:

"Earth Day"

Dated:

Maureen Mulheren, Chair

