



50th ANNIVERSARY EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our rich and diverse natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day is April 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Erie has established a Sustainability Advisory Board to help the Erie community become a leader in sustainability by providing outreach and leadership alongside inclusive and accessible opportunities that support the growth of our economy and engage the community while protecting our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment, by recognizing that all human life depends upon the earth and upon one another for our mutual existence and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has issued a special report on the impact of global warming and the need to reduce global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to avoid the most catastrophic impact of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges from the negative impacts of consumerism and that the citizens of the global community can become educated consumers who understand the environmental and climate consequences of using plastics; and

WHEREAS, the steps we can take to protect and preserve our natural environment through education, partnerships, and positive actions should be encouraged in the Town of Erie.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Carroll, Mayor of the Town of Erie, do hereby proclaim April 18, 2020 through April 25, 2020 as *Earth Week* in the Town of Erie. I urge our citizens to be mindful and active in efforts to protect our environment, and to support environmental initiatives to preserve the beauty and wonder of our air, land, and water.

DATED THIS 24th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

Jennifer Carroll, Mayor of the Town of Erie

ATTEST:

Heidi Leatherwood, Town Clerk