



## EARTH WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, to inspire environmental awareness and encourage conservation, protection, and appreciation of our rich and diverse natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, this 56<sup>th</sup> Earth Day continues with the same important theme as 2025, *Our Power, Our Planet*, encouraging people around the world to unite behind renewable energy and accelerate the transition from fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, human life depends on the earth's and one another's well-being, and each of us is responsible for safeguarding the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, 2025 was one of the three hottest years on record globally since records began in 1850 with Colorado experiencing a 2.6F temperature increase in comparison to its 1902-2000 average; due to this warming, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) continues to call for significantly and quickly reducing global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate disruption; and

**WHEREAS**, depending on our consumption, travel, design, eating, and other choices, we can either contribute to negative environmental and social impacts, or help create a more secure, sustainable, healthier, safer, and more equitable nation and world; and

**WHEREAS**, we can all learn more about the environment and climate consequences of our actions and make choices that contribute to a better and more equitable future for everyone.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Council of the Town of Erie does hereby proclaim April 19 - 25, 2026, as Earth Week in the Town of Erie. We urge Town residents to learn more, take individual action, and work together to protect and preserve our air, land and water, and each person's right to a healthy environment.

**DATED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2026**

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Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk