

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 55th Earth Day is themed *Our Power, Our Planet*, encouraging people around the world to unite behind renewable energy and transition away 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, 2024 was the hottest year on record since records began in 1850 with more than half of 2024 above the 1.5C warming threshold identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) who 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, I, Anil Pesaramelli, Erie Town Council Member, on behalf of Andrew J. Moore, Mayor of the Town of Erie, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2025, through April 26, 2025, as Earth Week in the Town of Erie. I 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 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2025

Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk