

Commemorating The 44th Anniversary Of Earth Day On April 22, 2014

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Bartels and Legislators Greene, Richard Parete, Ronk and Wawro)

Legislator Kenneth Wishnick and Legislators Gregorius, Provenzano, and Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, Earth Day is observed each year on the 22nd day of April, in over 175 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature recognizes and pays tribute to those organizations and individuals dedicating their purposeful work to increasing public awareness of, and appreciation for, the natural resources of the Ulster County and the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, in the 43 years that have passed since the original Earth Day, the planet has been subjected to the continuing burdens of world population growth, increasing commercial and residential development, ocean pollution, increasing stores of toxic and nuclear waste, and other similar assaults which have exacerbated the growing dangers of global climate change, ozone depletion, toxic poisoning, deforestation and mass species extinctions; and

WHEREAS, a sound natural environment is the foundation of a healthy society and a robust economy in that it works hand in hand with the creation of green jobs, boosts sustainable agriculture in communities and allows residents of Ulster County to enjoy the natural elements that have defined our County; and

WHEREAS, human activities around the world are causing severe environmental damage that threatens human health and our planet's ability to sustain a diverse community of life; and

WHEREAS, April 22, 2014 marks the 44th Anniversary of Earth Day, a day set aside to celebrate the beauty of our natural environment and revitalize efforts required to protect, and maintain respect for, the environment and its resources; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day activities and events will educate all citizens on the importance of acting in an environmentally sensitive fashion by recycling, conserving energy and water, using efficient transportation, and adopting more ecologically sound lifestyles; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby commemorates the 44th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2014; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that Ulster County commits itself to undertaking programs and projects to enhance our community's natural environment; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature thanks all concerned citizens of Ulster County and beyond who embrace the responsibility of protecting and preserving the environment for future generations,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment Committee on April 8, 2014

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

STATE OF NEW YORK
ss:
COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 15th Day of April, 2014, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 16th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen.

/s/ Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature