



Proclamation

Earth Day April 22, 2016

WHEREAS, Earth Day, since its founding in 1970, has been celebrated nationally and internationally as a day to honor the planet we share and to encourage us to be better stewards of our Earth; and

WHEREAS, everyone deserves access to clean air, pristine water, and a land that is free of trash and contaminants, so that we can all enjoy the beauty of Earth; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that we live in a global community that is facing critical challenges associated with water shortages, climate change, loss of forest and farmland, non-biodegradable waste and natural habitat degradation; and

WHEREAS, all of us can assist in making the Earth a better place by becoming less wasteful, more mindful of conservation and better educated about the environmental consequences of our actions; and

WHEREAS, we the residents of Jackson County, live in a community that has been blessed with unique natural bounty and understand that we are responsible for giving the many generations of Jackson County residents to come, the same opportunity to live in a clean environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims Friday, April 22, as Earth Day for the county and encourages all residents to engage in one of the many celebrations, conservation and educational initiatives taking place on that day and the weekend that follows.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE, that we as citizens of Jackson County will be diligent in our efforts to not only work to clean up our local environment, but to educate citizens of all ages about the importance of protecting the environment and that we will work to be a driving force of positive environmental change among our regional, state, national and international communities.

Date: April 21, 2016.

Attest:

Angela M. Winchester
Clerk to the Board

Brian Thomas McMahan
Chairman