CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 17, 2023

ITEM: Proclamation – Earth Day – April 22, 2023

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The attached proclamation designates Saturday, April 22, 2023 as Earth Day. This proclamation is to promote awareness about outdoor recreation and environmental education in West Des Moines.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting *Earth Day Family Fun* to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 from 10am-1pm around the City/School Campus. Volunteer cleanup events at several parks have been organized to take place on or around April 22.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: None

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the proclamation designating Saturday, April 22, 2023 as Earth Day in West Des Moines.

Lead Staff Member: Marco Alvarez, Superintendent of Parks

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Ryan Penning, Director of Parks and Recreation RP
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director
Legal	Richard Scieszinski, City Attorney
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

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Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	N/A		
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on the first Earth Day in 1970, 22 million Americans celebrated clean air, land, and water;

WHEREAS, Earth Day, created by Senator Gaylord Nelson, led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency with the passing of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts;

WHEREAS, activities on Earth Day are designed to create awareness of environmental issues and promote healthy living;

WHEREAS, environmental education is critical for our youth in an ever changing world of technology;

AND, WHEREAS, living a healthy lifestyle and connecting with nature through participation in outdoor recreation provides mental and physical well-being and fosters stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the City of West Des Moines, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023 as **EARTH DAY** in the City of West Des Moines, and I, Russ Trimble, Mayor urge all citizens to celebrate Earth Day and support efforts to promote environmental education and living a healthier lifestyle through connections with nature.

Dated April 17, 2023.

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Russ Trimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan Jacobson, City Clerk