

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, to inspire Americans to take action against the deterioration of the environment; and
- WHEREAS, Earth Day has become a global movement marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national, and local policy changes; and
- WHEREAS, the latest report from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change details how coordinated efforts to scale up renewable energy sources, overhaul transportation systems, restructure cities, improve agriculture, and pull carbon from the air could put the planet on a more sustainable path while improving living standards around the globe; and
- WHEREAS, the theme for Earth Day 2022 is “Invest in Our Planet.” focusing on accelerating solutions to combat our greatest threat, climate change, and to activate everyone – governments, residents, and businesses – to do their part; and
- WHEREAS, City Council has adopted a resolution reaffirming the Council’s commitment to take action to achieve the regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals developed by MWCOG and to continue to advocate for regional, state, and federal support to promote and protect the environment; and
- WHEREAS, achieving these goals will require continued investment in and commitment to a transit-accessible, walkable and bikeable community with energy efficient buildings powered by renewable energy sources; and
- WHEREAS, addressing greenhouse gas emissions reduction promotes a cleaner environment, a more prosperous economy and positive economic development;

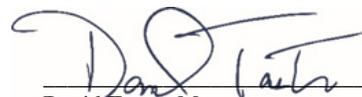
NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2022 as

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in the City of Falls Church and encourage staff, residents, businesses and organizations to commit to take actions on Earth Day 2022 and in the future to invest in a more sustainable and resilient future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



  
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David Tarter, Mayor