

**City of College Park
Earth Month 2022
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, to inspire an appreciation of the natural world through conservation and protection; and

WHEREAS, the annual recognition of this day is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the principles of that first Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day marks a renewed commitment to environmental stewardship and to the implementation of efforts to improve, protect and enhance the environment; and

WHEREAS, global challenges continue to grow, such as environmental degradation, climate change, devastating wildfires, food and water shortages; and

WHEREAS, the April 2022 report from the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change asserted that there is still time to avoid the worst effects of human carbon pollution but that time is running out; and

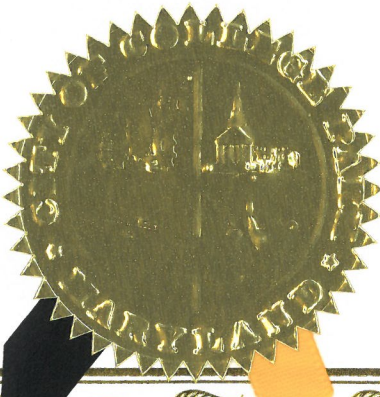
WHEREAS, preservation and protection of the environment can be taken at the individual level through education, public policy, and media campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the City of College Park celebrates Arbor Day during the month of April in recognition of our commitment to environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, College Park residents practice environmental stewardship throughout the year by composting food scraps, recycling, switching to electric vehicles, using mass transit, cycling or walking to work and errands, gardening, planting trees, conserving energy and participating in community clean-ups.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as **Earth Month** in the City of College Park, and encourage our residents to implement practices designed to preserve and protect our environment and shape the future of our environmental security.

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 19th DAY OF April, 2022.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patrick L. Wojahn", is written over a horizontal line.

Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor
City of College Park