



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

## Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners PROCLAMATION

### PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT FOR EARTH DAY IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is an annual worldwide event first celebrated 50 years ago, on April 22, 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the first celebration of Earth Day mobilized millions of people to launch the modern environmental movement, leading to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, and passage of landmark legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, despite those earlier achievements, scientific consensus reveals that humanity and all of Earth's creatures are facing ecological and climate crises; and

**WHEREAS** in 2019, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, in its Climate Emergency Declaration, acknowledged the predicted impacts of climate change are already occurring in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Kalamazoo County Government's sustainability budget policy details a commitment to fostering a safe, secure future that conserves natural resources, while meeting basic human needs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, a team of dedicated volunteers has held an annual Earth Day Celebration for several years, and has collaborated to plan a week of public events from April 18 through April 25, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, these events invite and encourage all citizens to engage in environmental and climate-related activities.; and

**WHEREAS** these events remind us of the interconnectedness of all living things on which we depend for our very survival; and

**WHEREAS** the Earth is our only home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners declares April 22, 2022, as Earth Day in Kalamazoo County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners declares April 18 – April 25, 2022, as the County's 2022 Earth Week Celebration.

Adopted: April 19, 2022

Moved Hall  
Seconded Heppler  
Carried Roll Call Vote: Yes (11): Fran Bruder-Melgar, John Gisler, Tracy Hall, Jeff Heppler, Veronica McKissack, Monteze Morales, Mike Quinn, Tami Rey, Dale Shugars, Jen Strebs, Roger Tuinier; No (0): None.; Absent (0): None.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO )

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on April 19, 2022. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 25 day of April, 2022.

  
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Meredith Place, County Clerk  
Kalamazoo County