



WHEREAS, the first *Earth Day* was proclaimed in 1970 to foster public environmental awareness; and

WHEREAS, *Earth Hour*, an annual global event organized by the World Wildlife Fund, calls on individuals, governments and businesses around the world to turn off all non-essential lighting for one hour between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025 to call attention to climate change and loss of biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approved Rockville's first Climate Action Plan on January 10, 2022 to equitably reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen resiliency and encourages community participation to support climate goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville supports global and local environmental stewardship and education, and will host events and outdoor volunteer opportunities throughout March, April and May that promote actions to protect our climate, water, air, forests and wildlife; and


WHEREAS, the City of Rockville proudly recognizes all who participate in these activities and their contributions to environmental stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as *Earth Month* in the City of Rockville and further proclaim Tuesday, April 22, 2025, as *Earth Day* and Saturday, March 22, 2025, between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. as *Earth Hour*, and urge all members of the community to take actions to promote a healthy and sustainable environment.




Monique Ashton, Mayor


Kate Fulton, Councilmember


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Barry Jackson, Councilmember


Marissa Valeri, Councilmember


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April 7, 2025