



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland wishes to recognize and celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2024, in recognition of Prince George's County's commitment to environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, to inspire an appreciation of the natural world through conservation and protection. The annual recognition of this day is an opportunity to demonstrate Prince George's County's commitment to the principles of the first Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, this year's Earth Day theme, "Planet vs. Plastics," is to raise public awareness of the harm plastics cause to our health and environment. Prince George's County is committed to the implementation of efforts to improve, protect and enhance the environment; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County has implemented laws and regulations prohibiting the distribution of single-use carryout bags and Styrofoam to consumers at retail establishments; requiring food service businesses to only provide food service ware to customers upon request or at self-serve; and

WHEREAS, plastic's use and creation continue to threaten and challenge the environment globally by contributing to environmental degradation, climate change, food, and water shortages; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County celebrates Earth Day by extending it throughout the month of April. Prince Georgians are encouraged to implement practices designed to preserve and protect our environment and shape the future of our environmental security; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County will help promote the stewardship of our local environment by undertaking the #PGCEarthDayEveryDay social media campaign throughout the month of April to increase awareness of individual actions that our community can take; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Prince Georgians will show their concern for the environment and their communities on Saturday, April 27, by participating in the Growing Green with Pride Day, a countywide community cleanup effort to clean and beautify their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County encourages its residents to take voluntary action to keep communities clean and beautiful and restore and maintain a healthy environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA ALSOBROOKS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2024, as Earth Day in Prince George's County. FURTHER, I encourage all Prince Georgians to support our preservation and beautification efforts as we continue to build a cleaner and healthier environment.



Angela Alsobrooks
County Executive