

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2014 AS EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, a sound natural environment is the foundation of a healthy society and a robust economy; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated annually to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment and a peaceful, just and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, the importance of Earth Day has grown as the potential impacts of climate disruption, species decline, and reliance on non-renewable energy supplies have come into sharper focus; and

WHEREAS, local communities can be the drivers of building a healthy society by addressing issues such as energy use, transportation, waste prevention, environmental equity, and sprawl; and

WHEREAS, the City of Davis and our citizens, organizations, and businesses have shown committed leadership, as expressed through the goals of the General Plan, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, ordinances, policies and actions, to the preservation and stewardship of our natural and human communities; and

WHEREAS, with its early and continuing actions to establish alternatives to automobile travel and promote energy conservation, solar energy production, farmland and habitat protections, inclusionary housing programs, and innovative land use design, Davis is well positioned to lead the global transition to a more sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge our collective responsibility for environmental education, stewardship and community sustainability; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that, to meet the goals of Earth Day to raise awareness and trigger positive action to protect our environment, we, as a Council, must provide leadership, tap into the expertise and talent of our community, and engage the hearts and minds of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Davis, reaffirms its commitment to the goals and principles of Earth Day. In recognition of Earth Day 2014, and in keeping with our community goals to protect and enhance the long-term health of the natural environment, economy and community, we support Earth Day by:

- Inviting and encouraging all citizens, businesses, organizations, schools, clubs, congregations, neighborhoods and families to engage in environmentally sound practices every day.
- Participate in Earth Day activities including the City Co-Sponsored 2014 Cool Davis Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 27, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial

Center Theater featuring a program of story-telling, dance, music, poetry, and the presentation of the 2014 Cool Davis Awards.

- Encouraging partnerships between and among businesses, environmental organizations, and schools to help raise community awareness.
- Demonstrating leadership through participation in local Earth Day activities.
- Using the observance of Earth Day as an opportunity to re-energize the innovative spirit of Davis and challenge the community to explore new paths to sustainability.
- Forging partnerships with UC Davis, local organizations, environmental professionals, businesses and citizens to accelerate the adoption of community wide sustainability practices and becoming a model for other communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Krovoza, Mayor of Davis, on behalf of the Davis City Council, do hereby proclaim that the City of Davis recognizes April 22, 2014 as Earth Day and acknowledge the importance of Earth Day as a reminder of our community's connection to the planet and our responsibility to preserve and protect our environment.

April 22, 2014

Joseph F. Krovoza
Mayor