

**PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2019 AS EARTH DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is celebrated annually to celebrate the beauty of our planet, recommit to actions to promote a healthy environment, and to maintain a peaceful, just and sustainable world; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Davis and our citizens, organizations, and businesses have shown dedicated leadership on environmental issues by addressing issues such as energy production and use, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, transportation, water conservation, farmland conservation, urban forest and habitat protection, waste prevention, environmental equity; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge our collective responsibility for environmental equity, education, stewardship, and community sustainability and we have the insight, drive, capacity and capital to work together across social and city borders to build transformative networks to combat climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is committed to addressing regional climate resiliency and adaptation issues through leadership and participation in the ad hoc Yolo Resiliency Planning group, the Yolo Climate Compact and the Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2019, the City of Davis committed to taking significant action to move toward net municipal and community carbon neutrality in the short term, with maximum efforts to implement carbon reduction actions by 2030; and accelerate the existing 2050 Davis carbon neutrality goal to a 2040 target; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Davis committed to pursuing efforts via the local community choice aggregator, Valley Clean Energy, to supply clean electricity that is 100% renewable and increasingly locally sourced for municipal, residential, commercial and business, and other non-residential uses; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that, to meet the goals of Earth Day to raise awareness, trigger positive action to protect our environment, and help guide local decision-making, the City Council will provide leadership, employ the expertise and talent of our community, and engage the hearts and minds of our citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Davis City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Davis, do hereby proclaim that the City of Davis recognizes April 22, 2019 as Earth Day. We commit to protect and enhance the long-term health of the natural environment, community and economy by:

- Demonstrating leadership through participation in local Earth Day activities and 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.
- Accelerating a robust update to the Davis Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and integrating policies into the upcoming General Plan update.
- Increasing local renewable energy opportunities and implementing energy conservation.
- Advocating for and joining in climate mobilization efforts at the local, state, national, and global levels and supporting emergency mobilization efforts to mitigate climate change.

- Forging local and regional partnerships with UC Davis, Cool Davis, local organizations, environmental professionals, businesses and citizens to accelerate the adoption of community wide sustainability practices and raise community awareness.
- Inviting and encouraging all citizens, businesses, organizations, schools, congregations, neighborhoods and families to engage in environmentally sound practices every day.

Date: April 23, 2019

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