



PROCLAMATION

Earth Day April 22, 2018

WHEREAS, plastic waste can be found everywhere, land or sea, even in the most remote places on the planet, affecting both humans and animals; and

WHEREAS, humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges, among them the need to manage an increased amount of waste to which plastics will contribute roughly 12,000 million metric tons by 2050; and

WHEREAS, approximately only 10% of plastic waste is recycled; and

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, from all walks of life, have a right to a healthy environment and plastic pollution has been associated with several health issues affecting the general population; and

WHEREAS, children, the youth, and the most vulnerable are disproportionately affected by plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to cooperate to find solutions for the plastic waste that is concentrating in several enormous patches in the ocean and that threatens the human food chain; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to involve the community in the design and implementation of solutions for pressing environmental issues such as plastic pollution; and

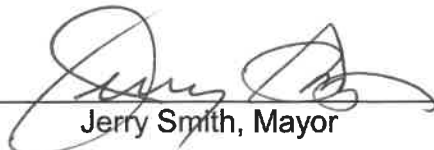
WHEREAS, ending plastic pollution is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, have the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2018, as **EARTH DAY** throughout DeKalb and encourage all of its inhabitants, businesses, and institutions to use Earth Day to celebrate the Earth and promote the wellbeing of the inhabitants of DeKalb and the protection of its environment.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of DeKalb, this 9th day of April, 2018.




Jerry Smith, Mayor