



PROCLAMATION



April 22, 2019

WHEREAS, humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges affecting every community, including large-scale migration, extreme inequality and poverty, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change; and

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, no matter their race, gender, income, sexual orientation, or national origin, have a right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the youth of the world are our most valuable resource and represent a source of endless creativity and potential; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the citizens of our global community to develop green jobs and to build an innovative and equitable green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to act locally and to cooperate internationally and defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and

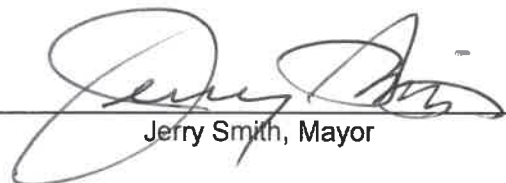
WHEREAS, it is essential to expand and diversify the global environmental movement to achieve maximum progress; and

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, Illinois, have the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2019 as **Earth Day** throughout DeKalb and encourage all of its citizens, businesses, and institutions to use **Earth Day** to celebrate the Earth and promote environmental and climate literacy.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of DeKalb, this 8th day of April 2019.


Jerry Smith, Mayor