

Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING APRIL 22ND 2022 AS “EARTH DAY”

Introduced by: Commissioner Anna Hansen

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, in the United States and is commemorated annually to celebrate the beauty of our planet, recommit to actions that promote a healthy environment, and to maintain a peaceful, just and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, all people of this earth regardless of race, gender, age, income, sexual orientation, or national origin, have a right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, humankind is facing tremendous global challenges affecting every community, including degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species and climate change; and

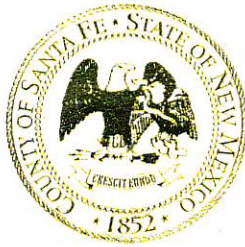
WHEREAS, Santa Fe County and our citizens, organizations, and businesses have shown dedicated leadership on environmental concerns by addressing issues such as energy production and use, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, low emission transportation, water conservation, farmland conservation, urban forest and habitat protection, waste prevention and environmental equity; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) approved Resolution No. 2020-22 on February 25, 2020, which acknowledged April 22, 2020, as the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and requested that County staff carry out and cultivate climate actions in celebration of this anniversary to include planting events in each County district; and

WHEREAS, after the 2020 Earth Day planting events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, staff reconvened, under an updated Governor’s Order that allowed socially distanced gatherings outdoors, and organized Earth Day 2021 Restore our Earth Planting Events with great success – 150 community volunteers and 25 staffers planted approximately 350 plants appropriate for Santa Fe County’s climate zones, to restore natural areas, provide pollinator habitat, and increase access to shade and fresh fruit in each County district between April 17 and May 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County’s Earth Day Team, led by Sustainability Manager Jacqueline Beam, is organizing Earth Day 2022, events globally themed *Invest in our Planet*, with an emphasis on investing in our public housing, local food security, and community gathering spaces to increase habitat resilience, access to healthy green space, and expand access to fresh fruit and shade. Plantings and green stormwater infrastructure will be installed at the Santa Cruz Public Housing Development, Arroyo Hondo Trailhead, Boys and Girls Club in Valle Vista, Edgewood Senior Center, and Camino de Jacobo Public Housing Development over five Saturdays starting April 23, 2022; 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 Board will provide leadership, employ the expertise and talent of our community, and engage the hearts and minds of our citizens.

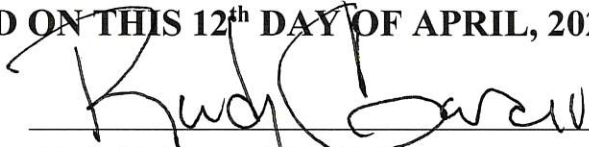



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 22nd OF APRIL 2022, AS:


“EARTH DAY”


APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 12th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

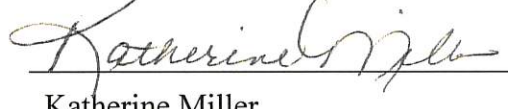

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