

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 16-23, 2000 AS EARTH WEEK IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, Earth Day began in 1970 as a long term endeavor to build a clean, healthy, and sustainable planet; and

WHEREAS, Counties can and must make major contributions to solving our environmental and natural resource problems through land use, transportation, solid waste, wastewater treatment, and zoning decisions that shape our environment; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County departments currently operate numerous agricultural, recycling, source reduction, emergency response, educational, and pollution prevention programs that depend on widespread understanding and participation in order to be successful; and

WHEREAS, It is time for everyone to increase their understanding of the importance for participating in these programs and in general respect for all our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day will reach beyond existing environmental constituencies to involve the broadest possible cross-section of society including business, media, religious, political, youth, academic and cultural leaders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 16-23, 2000 as Earth Week 2000, and urges to recognize the importance of this opportunity which will provide us with a special occasion during this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary to renew our commitment to protect the Earth.