

## City of Kenmore, Washington

Earth Day

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, all species play a unique role in the complex web of life and contribute to the ecosystem services on which all life on Earth depends, and hence, protecting our species is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, wild animal populations have declined on average by more than half and the Earth is facing an era of mass extinction; and

**WHEREAS**, by 2050, between 60-70% of all people will live in cities and species provide important services to city dwellers such as generating oxygen and purifying the air; controlling other animals considered pests or that spread disease; pollinating plants and crops; providing recreation opportunities, and promoting well-being, etc.; and

**WHEREAS** many plants, wild animals, and pollinators live in urbanized landscapes, and cities thereby have a responsibility to examine the ecological impacts of expanding urban areas and how to protect biodiversity; 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 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, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** as **EARTH DAY** throughout the City of Kenmore. We encourage all our community members, businesses, and institutions to use Earth Day to celebrate the Earth and promote the protection of our species.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



Signed:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Baker".

Mayor David Baker

Attested:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Anastasiya Warhol".

City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol