



**PROCLAMATION**  
**RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2021 AS EARTH DAY**  
**AND THE WEEK OF APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 24<sup>TH</sup> AS EARTH WEEK**

*WHEREAS, The first Earth Day was enacted and celebrated in 1970 and engaged over twenty million Americans to advocate for a cleaner environment. Earth Day now has become a world-wide event and has given a voice to an emerging public consciousness about the state of our planet; and*

*WHEREAS, In this time of healing from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic upheaval, we are uniquely poised to re conceptualize our political, economic, and social systems to better our relationship with the Earth and each other; and*

*WHEREAS, Earth Day is observed annually to celebrate the beauty of our planet, recommit to actions to promote a healthy environment, and to maintain a peaceful, just, and sustainable world; and*

*WHEREAS, We are all stewards and beneficiaries of the Earth, and its healthy and diverse ecosystem is vital to a thriving community, a vigorous local economy, and a sustainable environment; and*

*WHEREAS, human activities are causing widespread environmental and social effects to the detriment of natural resources, biological diversity, and human health and happiness; and*

*WHEREAS, we must use creativity, innovation, and education to solve these problems, with local communities leading the way by encouraging sustainable energy and water use, sustainable land use and transportation, and waste reduction, reuse and recycling practices; and*

*WHEREAS, there are compelling aesthetic, economic, and social reasons for local governments to initiate and support these practices through adopting and promoting innovative policies that embrace human health and the environment as equally important to economic development and necessary for a prosperous and sustainable city; and*

*WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the global climate emergency and we must join in climate mobilization efforts at the local, state, and national levels by fighting for strong climate policy, supporting local renewable energy opportunities, and implementing energy conservation in all sectors of the economy; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri and our citizens, organizations, and businesses have shown dedicated leadership for the environment by addressing issues such as energy production and use, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, transportation and connectivity, water conservation, farmland conservation, urban forest and habitat protection and regeneration, waste prevention, and environmental equity as indicated by adoption of such Resolutions as: 990168, 041059, 070830, 071216, 080091, 080246, 080736, 080754, and others; and*


*WHEREAS, the City is committed to addressing regional environmental issues through participation in bi-state activities that lead to a cleaner, healthier, climate ready, socially and economically equitable Kansas City.*

*WHEREAS, we acknowledge our collective responsibility for environmental equity, education, stewardship, and community sustainability and resiliency and we have the insight, drive, capacity and capital to work together across social and city borders to build transformative networks to create a healthier, more vibrant region; 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 City must provide leadership, foster regional partnerships, employ the expertise and talent of our community, and engage the hearts and minds of our citizens;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I Quinton D. Lucas, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri do hereby proclaim APRIL 22, 2021 AS EARTH DAY AND THE WEEK OF APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 24<sup>TH</sup> AS EARTH WEEK, in Kansas City, Missouri, and all citizens, businesses, organizations, schools, congregations, neighborhoods and families, and residents are urged to reflect on how to contribute to a healthy, clean, sustainable environment and make Kansas City an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.*



  
Quinton Donald Lucas