

Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970 and was founded by United States Senator, Gaylord Nelson, who held the first environmental teach-in and he was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of his work; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is a call to action for a global community, to address the climate change, foster a sustainable healthy environment and to protect our planet for future generations. In 1990, Earth Day, became worldwide and many men, women and children collected garbage, planted trees, cleaned up coral reefs, our beaches and oceans and planned for a better future for our planet; and this movement encouraged the United Nations Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992; and

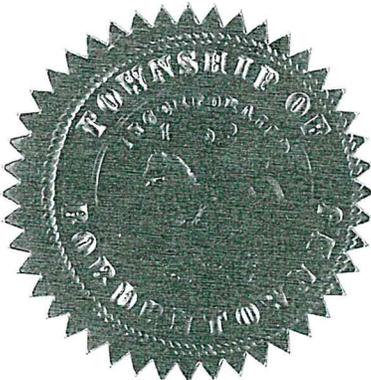
WHEREAS, in 2009 Earth Day was renamed officially as Mother Earth Day and many schools and communities celebrate for a whole week to help focus on the earth and how to preserve it; and

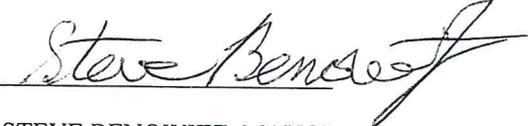
WHEREAS, in 2016 Earth Day's theme was selected as "Trees". Trees are essential tools in the fight for a cleaner, sustainable environment. In one year, a single acre of mature trees, absorbs the same amount of carbon dioxide produced by driving the average consumer car 26,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, many organizations such as the **Catholic Relief Services**, (CRS), which essentially creates a better planet by partnering with agencies around the world to implement agricultural and environmental programs for the poorest farm families and rural communities; **Climate Solutions** that focuses on climate change, the environment and the natural resources, and **Global Links** that focus on issues such as International Development, International Relief, public health and recycling; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2018, is International Mother Earth Day and the theme is "End Plastic Pollution", which is dedicated to providing information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitudes and behaviors about plastics;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor of Bordentown Township, do hereby proclaim that April 22 is Earth Day and encourage residents to reach out to Congress asking them to protect people most harmed by climate change and as individuals encouraging you to do your part in reducing plastics, making smart environmentally friendly purchases and actively seek a way to contribute to a healthy and sustainable future.




STEVE BENOWITZ, MAYOR