

*Office of the Mayor  
Township of Bordentown*

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day was established in 1970 and now 190 countries participate in the celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, April 22 is celebrated as Earth Day and is the anniversary of the birth of the modern environment movement that began in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day creates a public awareness of caring for our planet and our natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Gaylord Nelson a junior senator from Wisconsin had long been concerned about the deterioration of our environment in the United States when in January of 1969 he witnessed the massive oil spill in Santa Barbara California and began to support teachers in college campuses to create awareness of air and water pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the date to celebrate was chosen because it fell between Spring Break and Final Exams; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and many laws and the creation of the National Environmental Education Act, Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Clean Air Act and later the Congress passed the Clean Water Act and Federal Insecticides; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990 Earth Day went global mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries lifting environmental issues to the world's awareness helping to give birth to recycling efforts worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992 they held the first Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and during this momentous occasion President Bill Clinton gave Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his efforts in encouraging the world effort of protecting our environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor of Bordentown Township, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey do hereby declare April 22, 2020 a day to celebrate Earth Day joining more than 1 billion people as a day of action to change our human behavior and create local awareness and highlighting the need to care for our natural resources and to encourage our Environmental Commission in our township to continue to seek ways to protect and enhance our township's environment.



*Steve Benowitz*  
**STEVE BENOWITZ**  
**MAYOR**