

State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2015

WHEREAS, This year marks the 45th Anniversary of **Earth Day**; and

WHEREAS, The protection of our forests, air and water quality, fisheries, and other natural resources are important to the health and quality of life of our citizens and to the economy of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, By the late 21st century, climate change could cut New Hampshire's winter snow season in half, cause sea levels to rise, and increase summer temperatures; and

WHEREAS, Greenhouse gas emissions and other man-made pollutants are the key contributors to climate change and negatively affect our air and water quality; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire state government has taken steps to lead by example by reducing energy use of state operations; and

WHEREAS, In addition to our commitment to control harmful emissions that negatively affect our air, our water, and our earth, important programs like the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program provide vital funds to support land conservation efforts and help support our goals to protect wildlife habitat, water quality, and other natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Every resident and business has the opportunity to reduce their environmental impact and protect our environment by taking small steps like conserving energy, using reusable water bottles, walking, biking or carpooling when possible, recycling at home and in the work place, and buying local products;

NOW, THEREFORE, I MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 22, 2015**, as **EARTH DAY** in the State of New Hampshire and urge all citizens and businesses to take actions to address climate change and improve our air and water quality, as well as protect our wildlife and environment in order to maintain the high quality of life in our state.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 22nd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand fifteen, and of the independence of the United States of America, two hundred thirty-nine.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

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