

# *City of Albany*

## *Proclamation*

IN RECOGNITION OF EARTH DAY  
April 22, 2026

**WHEREAS**, humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges including large-scale migration, extreme inequality and poverty, degradation of ecosystems, mass extinction of species, and global climate change, all of which have a profound effect on every community; and

**WHEREAS**, April 22nd has marked Earth Day each year since 1970 in recognition of the need for environmental conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, all people of this Earth, no matter their race, gender, income, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or national origin, have a right to a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the citizens of our global community to develop green jobs and to build an innovative and equitable green economy to combat global challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, expanding environmental education and climate literacy is vital to enhance awareness about the environment, inform decision-making, and protect future generations, and

**WHEREAS**, it is more important than ever to act locally and to cooperate internationally and defend the environmental progress that has been heretofore gained; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts; and

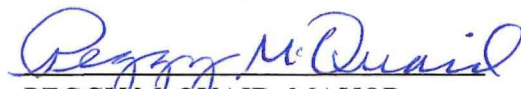
**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany is committed to addressing climate action and adaptation, guided by the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) which was adopted by City Council in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany adopted a Climate Emergency Declaration. resolving that the Albany City Council endorses and commits to participating in climate action and adaptation efforts at the local, regional, state, national, and global levels, focusing on emission reduction and the widespread elimination of fossil fuels.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the Albany City Council recognizes April 22, 2026 as EARTH DAY throughout Albany and encourages all citizens, businesses, and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and promote environmental and climate literacy.

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PEGGY McQUAID, MAYOR