



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: April 17, 2024

Department: Public Works

Title: Earth Day 2024 proclamation recognizing April 22, 2024 as Earth Day in Marion County

Management Update/Work Session Date: 04/09/2024 Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 10 Contact: Rachel VanWoert Phone: 503.566.4159

Requested Action: Approve and sign proclamation, recognizing April 22 as Earth Day in Marion County.

Issue, Description & Background: The Marion County Environmental Services team is again engaging the community in a month long campaign to reduce waste, improve water quality and highlight our County Parks. The culmination of this will be a free community event at Spong's Landing Park, with nature walks, bird house building and an educational scavenger hunt. Additionally, staff have prepared a board proclamation recognizing April 22 as Earth Day in Marion County.

Financial Impacts: None.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: None.

List of attachments: Proclamation of Earth Day 2024

Presenter: Rachel VanWoert, Brian May

Department Head Signature: *Brian May*

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

In the matter of proclaiming April 22 as Earth Day in Marion County:

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting of April 17, 2024, to proclaim April 22 Earth Day in Marion County.

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring an appreciation of our nation’s natural resources through conservation and protection; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of this day marks an annual review of and commitment to the principles of that first Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, Marion County is blessed with a wealth of bountiful woodlands and waterways, often most visibly showcased in our parks, and other public lands that enrich the lives of both residents and visitors alike, providing irreplaceable habitat for countless flora and fauna, sustainable natural resources, and many scenic recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, special Earth Day events are offered to encourage residents to identify what they can personally do to protect the environment and make Marion County a cleaner and greener place to live and work.

We, the Marion County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2024, as Earth Day. We encourage all citizens to become engaged in their local communities and join efforts to help maintain and improve Marion County’s urban and rural environments.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

MARION COUNTY
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Chair

Commissioner

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