Proclamation

**(INSERT CITY/TOWN NAME)**

**(Choose any or all of the following)**

**WHEREAS,** plastic waste can be found everywhere, land or sea, even in the most remote places on the planet, affecting both humans and animals.

**WHEREAS,** humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges, among them the need to manage an increased amount of waste to which plastics will contribute roughly 12,000 million metric tons by 2050.

**WHEREAS,** approximately only 10% of plastic waste is recycled.

**WHEREAS,** all people of this Earth, from all walks of life, have a right to a healthy environment and plastic pollution has been associated with several health issues affecting the general population; and

**WHEREAS,** children, the youth, and the most vulnerable are disproportionately affected by plastic pollution; and

**WHEREAS,** it is more important than ever to cooperate to find solutions for the plastic waste that is concentrating in several enormous patches in the ocean and that threatens the human food chain; and

**WHEREAS,** it is essential to involve the community in the design and implementation of solutions for pressing environmental issues such as plastic pollution; and

**WHEREAS,** ending plastic pollution is crucial to the survival of this planet and its   
inhabitants; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, (mayor’s name) Mayor of (city name) have the distinct honor of proclaiming April 22, 2018 as

EARTH DAY

throughout (city/town name) and encourage all of its inhabitants, businesses, and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and promote the wellbeing of the inhabitants of the city/town and the protection of their environment.