

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 159

*Approved* March 31, 1997

WHEREAS, The Members of the City Council of the City of Providence recognize that the First Earth Day in 1970 was the beginning of the modern environmental movement which helped shape the values and priorities of a whole generation, and

WHEREAS, As a result of citizen demand, Congress passed the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and Superfund Legislation, putting a lasting framework for the future into place, and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders in general and City of Providence residents in particular, have demonstrated leadership in environmental action and awareness and have also expected environmental action from their leaders, and

WHEREAS, It is our common responsibility to clean up our environment and protect it from harm, and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Earth Day is on April 22nd and in Rhode Island, Earth Day Activities will take place in the days and weeks around that date, and

WHEREAS, The Members of the City Council of the City of Providence support this 27th Year of Earth Day Activities in the City of Providence and on a Statewide, National and Global Level, and

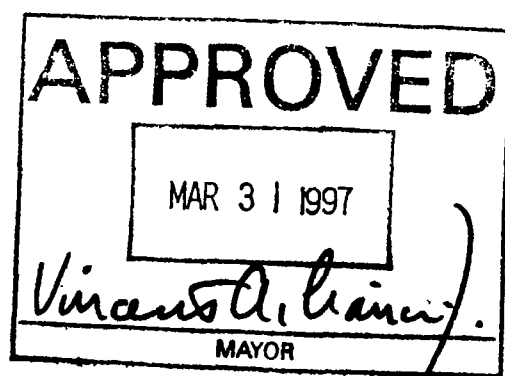
WHEREAS, We support the theme of this Year's Rhode Island Earth Day Celebration, "Our Hope - A Clean and Green Rhode Island",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we encourage youth and adults alike to take the Pledge to Keep Rhode Island Clean and Green, that is part of this years theme, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage City of Providence residents to participate in neighborhood cleanups, educational activities and celebrations connected with Rhode Island Earth Day.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 20 1997  
READ AND PASSED

*Evelyn V. Fargnoli*  
PRES.  
*Michael R. Clement*  
CLERK



Council President Fargnoli, Councilmen Allen, Clarkin, DeLuca, Councilwoman DiPuzzo,  
Councilmen Glavin, Igliozzi, Jackson, Lombardi, Mancini, Councilwomen Nolan  
Romano, Councilman Rollins, Councilwomen Williams and Young.

(City/town)

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**WHEREAS**, it is our common responsibility to clean up our environment and protect it from harm;

**WHEREAS**, in 1997 Earth Day is on April 22 and in Rhode Island Earth Day activities will take place in the days and weeks around that date; **THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**: that the Council of the (City/Town) of \_\_\_\_\_ supports this 27th year of Earth Day activities in \_\_\_\_\_ and on a statewide, national, and global level; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**: that we support the theme of this year's Rhode Island Earth Day celebration, "Our Hope - A Clean and Green Rhode Island"; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**: that we encourage youth and adults alike to take the Pledge to keep Rhode Island Clean and Green that is part of this year's theme; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

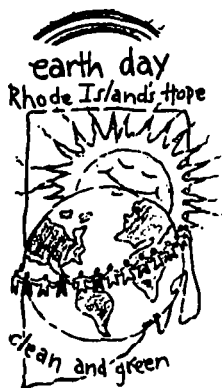
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(Council President)

**IN COUNCIL**  
**READ AND PASSED**  
**(DATE)**

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**(NAME)**  
**(City/Town) Clerk**



# Rhode Island Earth Day Committee

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March 14, 1997

Dear City or Town Clerk:

The Rhode Island Earth Day Committee invites your city or town to adopt the enclosed resolution in celebration and support of Earth Day 1997 at your next town council meeting.

Our goal is to have all 39 cities and towns adopt the resolution in an effort to broaden the base of public involvement in Earth Day education, activities and events. The resolution can be adapted to include local Earth Day events as well. Resolutions will be displayed at EarthFest '97, on Sunday, April 27 at Roger Williams Park. Please see the enclosed fact sheet for more information on overall plans for Earth Day '97.

Please call me if you would like more information regarding the resolution or Earth Day. We look forward to receiving a copy of your resolution for display at EarthFest '97.

Sincerely,

Terri Bisson, Co-Chair  
Rhode Island Earth Day Committee

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attached*



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## FACT SHEET

### Earth Day - What it Means in Rhode Island

Since its start in 1970, Earth Day has served as a yearly catalyst for ongoing environmental education, action, and change. Activities surrounding Earth Day rekindle personal commitment and broaden the base of public involvement through active participation in a wide variety of events such as neighborhood cleanups, environmental lectures, classroom activities, educational exhibits, music and food.

Earth Day has been celebrated continuously in Rhode Island since its 20th anniversary in 1990. Every year, environmental organizations and agencies throughout the state cooperatively plan and carry out state-wide Earth Day celebrations. Tens of thousands of Rhode Islanders take part in the wide range of activities offered. Most programs are offered to the public free of charge. Not limited to a single day, the events occur through the year, climaxing on a weekend close to April 22, Earth Day. This year that weekend is April 26 and 27.

### Earth Day '97 - What's Happening in Rhode Island?

Earth Day '97 marks the 27th anniversary of Earth Day, and our theme for this year's celebration is ***Our Hope - A Clean and Green RI!*** Our theme of hope - Rhode Island's state motto - signifies our hope for continued environmental progress. We must work together to maintain the gains we have achieved and continue our efforts into the future, so we can preserve and protect our environment for ourselves and our children. Achieving this will improve not only our quality of life but our business climate as well, for businesses will flourish if Rhode Island is clean and green.

Our main goal for 1997 is to spread the message of increased awareness of environmental issues with a focus on litter prevention through the following activities: **EarthFest** - an environmental fair with vendor displays; **Concert Earth** - entertainment for the whole family; **community cleanups**; **local events** at colleges and in communities; and **Earth Day outreach** - local businesses promoting environmental awareness through the school poster/calendar contest, teacher workshops, displays at public events, and employee education.

### Earth Day '97 - Who's Making It Happen?

Responsibility for planning and promoting Earth Day '97 falls under the auspices of two of Rhode Island's main environmental agencies: The Environment Council of Rhode Island Education Fund and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management OSCAR program. The Earth Day Committee, a group of dedicated volunteers, is working with the two agencies to plan the celebration.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and run EarthFest and Concert Earth and to clean up afterwards, to plan and organize neighborhood cleanups and other local events, and to approach local businesses to ask them to participate in Earth Day outreach. This can be the biggest Earth Day ever, but it won't happen without you!

Give us a call at (401) 277-3434 or 1-800 CLEAN RI to find out how you can help!