

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 142

Approved March 23, 2000

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Providence recognizes 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 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 2000 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 of Providence supports this 30th year of Earth Day activities at Goddard State Park, and on a statewide, national and global level.

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 RESOLVED, That we encourage Providence Residents to participate in neighborhood cleanups, educational activities and celebrations connected with Rhode Island Earth Day.

CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

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MAYOR

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RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-831-5508

February 29, 2000

Councilman John Lombardi
Council President
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Councilman Lombardi:

The Rhode Island Earth Day Committee invites your city or town to adopt one of the enclosed resolutions in celebration and support of Earth Day 2000 at your next city/town council meeting.

Earth Day is about ACTION -- actually doing something to make the Earth a better place. Therefore, in addition to signing the Earth Day resolution, we would like your town or city to commit to one or more of the environmental actions listed on the attached page. 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 the Earth Day Festival to be held on Sunday, May 7, 2000 at Goddard State Park in Warwick.

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 the Earth Day Festival.

Sincerely,

Terri Bisson, Co-Chair
RI Earth Day Committee

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO To help keep Rhode Island Clean & Green

- Support green space acquisition
- Organize a litter cleanup in the community
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WHEREAS, a sound natural environment is the foundation of a healthy society and a robust economy; and

WHEREAS, human activities around the globe are causing severe environmental damage that threatens human health and our planet's ability to sustain a diverse community of life; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge of ways to live in harmony with our environment and methods and technologies to accomplish this end already exist; and

WHEREAS, local communities can do much to reverse environmental degradation and contribute to building a healthy society by addressing issues such as energy use, transportation, waste prevention, and sprawl; and

WHEREAS, there are sound economic, environmental, and social reasons for local governments to initiate energy efficiency and renewable energy practices; and

WHEREAS, the turn of the millennium is a symbolic time in which to accomplish dramatic change in our relationship to the environment; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day 2000 offers an unprecedented opportunity to commit to building a healthy planet, flourishing communities and empowered citizens;

THEREFORE, let it be known that the city/town of _____ recognizes April 22, 2000 as 'EARTH DAY' and commits itself to undertaking programs and projects that enhance the community's natural environment; and

FURTHERMORE, let it be known that the city/town of _____ hereby encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable society.

(COUNCIL PRESIDENT)

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(City/Town) Clerk

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