



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND PROCLAIMING APRIL 22, 2025 AS EARTH DAY IN NEVADA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual event held on April 22 to demonstrate support for protecting our environment; and

WHEREAS, the concept was launched by Senator Gaylord Nelson, a junior senator from Wisconsin, in response to the emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, the first official Earth Day event was held on April 22, 1970, and it inspired nearly 20 million Americans to take to the streets and unite against the impacts of numerous years of industrial development such as oil spills, loss of wilderness, wildlife extinction, and air pollution from factories and power plants; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, gaining support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban dwellers and farmers, business and labor leaders; all with the shared vision of basic protections for our planet to leave a healthier world for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day participation has expanded to over 1 billion people globally and to this day, encourages environmental activism and stewardship while reminding people to find ways to protect the environment; including ways to manage the impact on the community where they live such as planting trees, removing litter, conserving water and energy, supporting sustainable agriculture, and improved stewardship of our local food sources; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is also an opportunity to learn from and build community with indigenous communities who have stewarded the land for generations and have great wisdom on preserving biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, for several communities, Earth Day extends into Earth Week to allow for a full week of events focused on protecting the local environment and increasing stewardship; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of Earth Week, Nevada City hosts its annual Earth Fest Street Fair with Nevada County serving as an annual sponsor and participant in the event; and

WHEREAS, the 4th Annual Earth Fest Street Fair is scheduled for April 13, 2025 from 11am-5pm and will highlight booths from departments within Nevada County while the event will focus on sustainability issues important for our rural community through selling organic food from local farmers, promoting recycling through a fun-spirited fashion show, showcasing local eco-vendors, kid's activities, musical performances and much more; and

WHEREAS, in support of our Climate Resilience Objective, we are declaring April 22, 2025 as Earth Day in Nevada County to inspire our community to come together and elevate projects which "Safeguard Nevada County's economic durability, environmental integrity, and public health and safety by preparing for, adapting to, and mitigating changing climate conditions in a way that reflects our rural quality of life".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, California hereby pledges its support and proclaims April 22, 2025 as Earth Day in Nevada County.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all residents, businesses, employees, and community members to participate in Earth Day and the Nevada City Earth Fest Street Fair and promote initiatives which will preserve the sustainability of Nevada County for future generations.