



Whereas, the first *Earth Day* was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our nation's natural resources; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment, by recognizing that all human life depends upon the Earth and upon one another for our mutual existence, well-being, and development; and

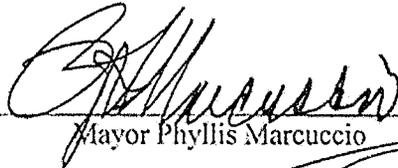
Whereas, the City of Rockville supports efforts to protect and preserve our natural environment through education, partnerships, and positive actions; and

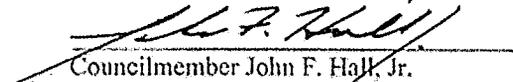
Whereas, Rockville citizens, staff, and elected officials are working closely with state and local governments, and with non-governmental organizations to develop and implement regulations and ordinances specifically designed to preserve and improve Rockville's fragile ecosystems and the quality of life therein; and

Whereas, the City of Rockville will host numerous events during the month of April to celebrate *Earth Day* and to promote environmental awareness; and

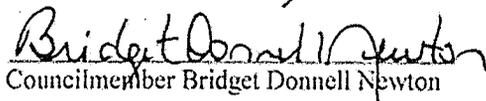
Whereas, the City of Rockville proudly recognizes all who participate in these events, for their proactive role in shaping the future of our environment and in protecting Rockville's precious natural resources.

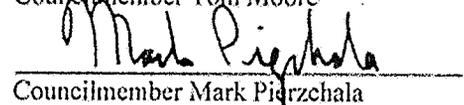
NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Mayor and Council do hereby proclaim the month of April 2013 as **EARTH MONTH** in the City; and further proclaim Friday, April 22, 2013 as **EARTH DAY**, and urge all our citizens to be mindful of local, state and national laws which protect our environment, and to join in efforts to preserve the beauty and wonder of the lands, skies, and water of the Earth in all its diversity.


Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio


Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.


Councilmember Tom Moore


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Councilmember Mark Piszchala

April 8, 2013