



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, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges such as global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and

WHEREAS, all people regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth; and

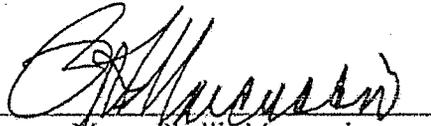
WHEREAS, it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create a green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, a green economy can be achieved on the individual level through education efforts, public policy, and consumer campaigns; and

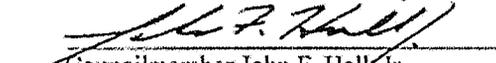
WHEREAS, it is necessary to broaden and diversify this global movement to achieve maximum success; and

FURTHERMORE, let it be known that the City of Rockville hereby encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to use EARTH DAY to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a sustainable and green economy.

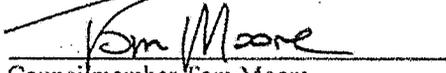
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of Rockville do hereby pledge April 22, 2012 as Earth Day, to support green economy initiatives in Rockville and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.



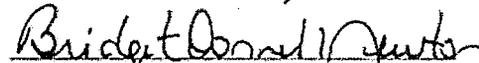
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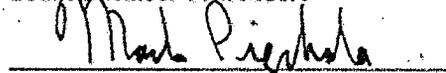
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