



Office of the Mayor **PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, before the first Earth Day in 1970, the United States had next to no laws to protect the environment; and

Whereas, rivers were so polluted with garbage, fuel and other pollutants, they caught fire and burned for days and waste disposal was unregulated and harmful; and

Whereas, toxic pesticides and chemicals were widely used and our planet's soil, water, air and life were in danger; and

Whereas, there was little legal recourse to protect the health of humans, plants, animals and the physical environment; and

Whereas, we can never underestimate the power of one person nor the collective energy for change among those who stand together with conscience and care; and

Whereas, though we've made great strides in environmental protection and public health and safety, our earth suffers from a rapidly increasing global population, scattered resources that are not equally shared, climate changes, and war; and

Whereas, the Town of Chapel Hill became the first U.S. municipality to commit to a 60% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050 through the Community Carbon Reduction (CRed) project, and that the Town supports programs and staff to protect, restore and maintain our natural resources and ecological treasures; and

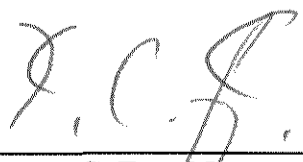
Whereas, the Town of Chapel Hill honors the environment and the individual by encouraging waste reduction, reuse, and recycling and by promoting stewardship of our water, air and land along with our commitment to equality, human dignity, and social justice;

Now, Therefore, I, Kevin C. Foy, Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill proclaim April 22, 2008

Earth Day

Given under my hand and the seal of the Town of Chapel Hill and the on this the fourteenth day of April, Two Thousand and Eight




Kevin C. Foy, Mayor