

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was enacted in 1970 and engaged over 20 million Americans to advocate for a cleaner environment, ultimately growing to be a world-wide event, highlighting some of the most critical environmental issues on the world stage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima applauds the many groups who seek to protect our environment and encourages all citizens, businesses, and institutions to promote Earth Day, not only as an annual event to celebrate the Earth and to encourage environmental and climate literacy, but also to act as a springboard to learn more and to do more to protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, we urge all residents to be mindful in the protection against the many threats posed to our environment while supporting the sustainability of planet, Earth. We support the creativity, innovation, and education to solve these problems, with local communities leading the way by encouraging sustainable energy and water use, waste reduction, reuse, and recycling practices; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to become engaged in efforts to help maintain and improve Yakima's environments; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day Planning Committee of Yakima, a volunteer group of committed citizens, has partnered with the Yakima Parks and Recreation Department to plan the Earth Day Fair - 2023 to be held at Emil Kissel Park on April 22, 2023 from 10 am to 2 pm.

NOW THEREFORE, in special recognition of the efforts of the Earth Day Planning Committee, Yakima Parks and Recreation, and community sponsors, donors, and volunteers who are supporting this event, we the City Council of Yakima do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 22, 2023 as

“YAKIMA EARTH DAY”

to offer an opportunity to make, renew, and celebrate commitments that will protect quality of life and the planet Earth, for generations to come.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2023

Janice Deccio, Mayor