

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2026 AS EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, Earth Day has been celebrated globally since 1970 to unite communities around protecting our common environment to ensure future generations will have a safe and sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Earth Day 2026, "Our Power, Our Planet" focuses on the importance of renewable energy and aiming to triple global electricity generation from renewable sources by 2030; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the City Council adopted a climate action plan with the goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2030; and

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, no matter their country, gender, income, race, sexual orientation, gender identity or abilities, have a right to live in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, following three years of community outreach and engagement, the City of Menlo Park adopted its first General Plan Environmental Justice (EJ) Element, which aims to implement community-identified priorities and actions that identify and address public health risks and environmental justice concerns as well as foster the well-being and resilience of City residents living in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, local cities, including Menlo Park, are working to address the climate crisis including the creation of Peninsula Clean Energy, which supplies 100% carbon-free electricity for all Menlo Park customers; and

WHEREAS, Menlo Park is also home to businesses certified through the San Mateo County Green Business Program, which recognizes local businesses and organizations that have taken meaningful steps to conserve resources, prevent pollution and protect public health; and

WHEREAS, Menlo Park's success in reducing the greenhouse gas responsible for climate change and presence in Silicon Valley gives it a unique opportunity to demonstrate leadership and set an example for other cities to take climate action with innovative, comprehensive and expeditious approaches; and

WHEREAS, Menlo Park is a co-sponsor of the "Love Our Earth Festival," to be held April 25 at the Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School and encourages all community members to attend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and celebrate April 22, 2026 as Earth Day in Menlo Park.

Betsy Nash, Mayor
April 14, 2026
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