



CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

# Proclamation



Whereas, there is always time to pause and appreciate the beauty and importance of the Earth's air, land, water, and all living things; and

Whereas, we are stewards of the Earth, and the Earth's ecosystems must be healthy so we can have a healthy community and economy today and for future generations; and

Whereas, fifty years ago, on April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was proclaimed, giving voice to an emerging public consciousness about the deteriorating state of our planet; and

Whereas, Earth Day in 1970 was declared a "National teach-in on the environment" and followed the publication of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, a watershed moment of public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment, and the inextricable links between pollution and public health; and

Whereas, through community teamwork and leadership, in this fiftieth anniversary year of Earth Day, Cedar Rapids completed its iGreenCR Action Plan for municipal operations, and the Cedar Rapids City Council declared the importance for community climate action; and

Whereas, the act of learning, improving, and coming together as a community to face and overcome challenges is what Cedar Rapidians have always done and must keep doing.

Now Therefore, I, Brad Hart, Mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2020, as

## "Earth Week"

and recognize that Earth Week is a time for Cedar Rapids residents to learn and appreciate the link between the Earth's health and our own. Earth Week is also a time to reaffirm and reinvigorate our roles as environmental stewards so that we have the ability to be healthy today and our community and families can be healthy for generations to come.



Date

Brad Hart, Mayor

