



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Mike Thoms

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring an appreciation of our nation's natural resources through conservation and protection; and
- WHEREAS,** the celebration of this day marks an annual review of and commitment to the principles of that first Earth Day; and
- WHEREAS,** Earth Day marks a renewed commitment to environmental stewardship and to the implementation of sustainability efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** the global community now faces extraordinary challenges, such as environmental degradation, global health issues, climate change, food and water shortages; and
- WHEREAS,** a green economy can be achieved on the individual level through education, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns; and
- WHEREAS,** it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create positive environmental change to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Rock Island celebrates Earth Day by extending it to the month of April in recognition of the commitment to environmental stewardship; and
- WHEREAS,** the residents of the City of Rock Island are encouraged to implement practices designed to preserve and protect our environment and shape the future of our environmental security.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Thoms, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2021 as

EARTH MONTH

in the City of Rock Island.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2021



Mike Thoms, Mayor

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