

City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day in 1970 recognized the importance of every person in preserving our natural resources; and that on the first Earth Day, 20 million Americans rallied for healthy, sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, all life forms on Earth have a right to a healthy, sustainable environment and as caretakers of the planet, we all have an obligation to change human behaviors that contribute to environmental degradation to preserve the Earth's beauty and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, this obligation extends not only to today's caretakers but also to future generations of environmental caretakers who will inherit the planet from us; and

WHEREAS, Tarpon Springs is fortunate to have 740 acres of parks, open space, natural land, and trails which enrich the lives of both residents, visitors, and wildlife and provides habitat for various flora and fauna, natural resources, and many diverse recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs supports projects and programs that demonstrate and encourage natural resources conservation and sustainable efforts within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City's goal is to help build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature and wildlife by conserving Tarpon Springs and the Planet's biological diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs will continue to advocate for Earth Day and will continue to support and educate about environmental awareness, natural resource conservation, wildlife conservation, sustainable practices, and so much more related to the wellbeing of our planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Costa S. Vatikiotis, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023 as

Earth Day

and I encourage all citizens to become engaged in local and global efforts to help improve and protect our environment for all living beings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, to be affixed this 14th day of March 2023.

City Clerk & Collector

Mayor